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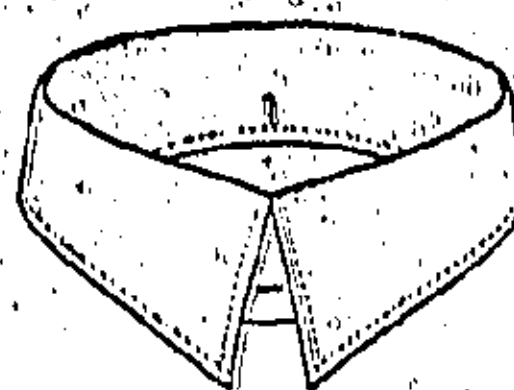
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THE BANK CASE.

MR. H. BIRKETT IN WITNESS

BOX.

AN AGENCY QUESTION.

Mr. H. Birkett, senior partner in the firm of Moxon and Taylor, and Chairman of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, was cross-examined by Mr. F. C. Jenkin at some length this morning with reference to the \$37,600 claim of Moxon and Taylor from the Man Chuen Bank.

He was first examined briefly by Mr. Eldon Potter (K.C.) for Moxon and Taylor.

Mr. Birkett stated that he had no doubt but the transaction concerned was a loan and not a purchase of shares.

Mr. Potter, bearing out this statement, called Mr. Birkett's attention to a letter written by Mr. H. A. Lammett to the Stock Exchange in which it was definitely stated that the 200 Wharves shares were being carried by Moxon and Taylor for his (Lammett's) clients.

Mr. Jenkin cross-examined Mr. Birkett.

In reply to Mr. Jenkin, Mr. Birkett said that it was known just before the filing of the petition that there was a possibility of Lammett's going into bankruptcy. He could not say whether it was the general opinion before that Lammett would go into bankruptcy. Lammett were heavily committed to Moxon and Taylor, owing \$45,000 on clean sales besides other transactions in which it had not been arranged as to whether they would be set off or taken up. Moxon and Taylor did, in fact, lodge a claim for over two lakhs.

Further cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, Mr. Birkett said that he had not expected to be paid in full. He had expected to get more than 25 per cent, though, he said in reply to another question.

Asked on what basis the figure was worked out, under which, on the revised figures, interests on the loan was to be \$1,504, Mr. Birkett said that he had no recollection of having made the figures out.

Mr. Jenkin said that Mr. Lammett had stated that in an interview with him (Mr. Birkett) he (Mr. Birkett) had made out the figures.

Mr. Birkett said that he had no recollection of having done so. He could, by quarter of an hour's working backward trace the lines which had been followed in the working out. He thought that the original interest had been 12 per cent, plus brokerage and the revised interest 10 per cent, plus brokerage. He thought that was how the figure had been arrived at.

Mr. Jenkin: Where was the brokerage coming from?

Mr. Birkett: The agreement was for Lammett on behalf of their principal.

Mr. Jenkin: Was the interest and brokerage going to you?

Mr. Birkett: It was going to our client.

Mr. Jenkin: Is there any indication in your books that you were to get brokerage from Lammett?

Mr. Birkett: It is in the difference between the price we are lending and the price at which the borrower of the money takes the shares back again.

Mr. Birkett further stated in reply to questions that whether or not brokerage was included in the payment by the Man Chuen bank of the agreed interest was a matter between Lammett and their clients. As regarded Moxon and Taylor, they certainly charged Mr. Dastur, their client.

His Lordship: When you came to settle up with Dastur, presuming the transaction had gone through, what would you have paid him?

Mr. Birkett: \$192 1/2 per share, less brokerage (\$150).

Mr. Birkett stated further, in reply to Mr. Jenkin, that it had always been his case that behind Lammett there was some principal who might eventually become liable to Moxon and Taylor.

A document which Mr. Jenkin showed, Mr. Birkett said having been written by the Man Chuen Bank to Lammett's admitting their liability to Lammett to the

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/8-5/16.

MOTOR MISHAP.

ALLEGED FAILURE TO

REPORT.

DRIVER CHARGED.

A motor car overturned a public ricksha at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in Des Vaux Road West and it was alleged, quickly got away from the scene. Besides damage to the vehicle, in which was a passenger who stated that he lost a sum of \$450 which he was holding in his hand at the time, the puller received slight injuries.

The sequel was provided at the Central Magistracy this morning when Mr. H. P. Yu, the owner and driver of the car, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with failing to report the accident or to stop when ordered by the police and having defective brakes on the car. Defendant denied that he was concerned in the accident by stating that his car was at the time of the accident locked in the garage of his house at Wong Nei Chong Road.

Hearing was adjourned for a week, bail being allowed on \$250.

Other Accidents.

In other accidents during the week-end, Mr. A. K. McDonnell, driving his car, was on the point of passing a tram car at Praya East when a hand truck came in the way. A collision between the motor car and the tram car resulted in which both received damage.

A small boy riding a push bicycle ran into motor car driven by Surg-Com. Adshad, of the Naval Hospital, at Connaught Road. Abandoning his machine, the boy picked himself up and ran away, apparently uninjured.

600 VACCINATIONS.

The Y.M.C.A. division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade recently vaccinated 550 Chinese residents at Cheung Chau Island, and also 275 Chinese, mostly boat-people, at Aberdeen.

In each case the vaccination was done at the request of those concerned.

HOME MAILS.

The s.s. "Hong Hwa" brought 267 bags mail (papers only, London, February 11) this morning.

On inquiry this afternoon there was no news as to the time of arrival of the s.s. "President Monroe" with mails from the U.S.A., etc., and Europe via Siberia.

A Chinese woman was found dead in a house at Graham Street yesterday. It is believed to be a case of poisoning.

Messrs. Verriou and Smyth in

their share reports, say:—

Our last report quoted that the tone in the Local Share Market was better, and during the fortnight under review there has been a continued improvement all round, and business passing has been of greater volume. Most stocks dealt in locally have a healthy enquiry, and prices have gone up in consequence.

sum of \$39,200 Mr. Jenkin described as curious in view of the fact that it was Moxon and Taylor's case that Lammett would have to pay Moxon and Taylor \$39,300. Mr. Birkett said that he had not seen the letter before.

Mr. Jenkin put it to Mr. Birkett that he (Mr. Birkett) had never made it clear to Mr. Ross, the special manager of Lammett's appointed by the Official Receiver, that Lammett were acting as the agents of some other principals.

Mr. Birkett disagreed and said that he had made it clear to Mr. Ross.

Mr. Jenkin referred to an affidavit, signed by Mr. Ross in which Mr. Ross had referred to Lammett as the agents of Moxon and Taylor. Mr. Jenkin asked Mr. Birkett if that statement was in conflict with Mr. Ross's having understood the position as Mr. Birkett said he had put it.

Mr. Birkett remarked that Lammett could be acting as agents for more than one. The same applied to a letter written by Moxon and Taylor's solicitors in which Lammett were referred to as agents of Moxon and Taylor.

The case is proceeding.

APATHETIC?

SHAREHOLDERS WHO CHEW

THE RAG.

WHISPER BEHIND BACKS.

Mr. D. McNeill at Telephone Co. Meeting.

What are the duties of Hongkong shareholders, both in their own financial interests, and in fairness to those who attend meetings?

This subject was brought forward to-day and a pronouncement was also made as to what directors would like.

Measures to secure improvements in the local service—both immediate and future—were briefly mentioned to-day at the first ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., held at the board-rooms of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

The result of initial working was described as "satisfactory."

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak presided. He was supported by the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Sir Shod-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Very Rev. Fr. L. Robert, Mr. E. G. Shewan, Mr. J. Scott Harston (directors), Mr. W. J. Hawker (alternate director for Mr. J. H. Taggart), Mr. H. S. Bennett, A.M.L.E.E., (manager), and Mr. A. L. Terry (secretary).

Shareholders present were:—

the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. D. McNeill, Mr. H. W. Walker, and Mr. R. E. Ost.

"Lack of Interest."

When the chairman announced that the business of the meeting was over, Mr. McNeill drew attention to the lack of interest—in their own financial affairs—by shareholders, "not only in this company, but also in other companies." He remarked that shareholders read the reports of meetings as published in the papers and then argued as to what should, or should not, be done. This, in his opinion, was not fair to other shareholders.

Mr. McNeill observed that "this was a meeting of directors as there were only two or three shareholders present." He objected to shareholders "chewing the rag instead of attending meetings."

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak replied that although Mr. McNeill's remarks were not rather irregular, the board entirely sympathised with what he said.

Continuing Mr. Holyoak said that they welcomed criticism that was fair, constructive and not destructive. He was of the opinion that directors of all companies preferred honest criticism and discussion that was helpful rather than that there should be whispers behind their backs.

Mr. McNeill added that it would be much nearer if shareholders went to meetings and said what they wanted to say.

Mr. Holyoak concurred and the meeting terminated.

"Result Satisfactory."

In his address, the chairman said:—

"Gentlemen.—The report and accounts for the half year ended December 31, 1925, are before you, and, with your permission, I will take them as read."

"As it has been decided that the financial period shall end on December 31 each year, the accounts before you show the results of the working during the six months, July-December, 1925. The net profit of \$109,404.51, after allowing for the full depreciation on the plant and properties, a bonus to the indentured staff and half of the preliminary expenses written off, is, I feel sure you will agree, a satisfactory result."

"The period under review has been a most difficult one owing to the local political trouble, but in spite of the difficulties the telephone service was maintained without interruption. The staff, augmented by certain ladies who volunteered their services, cheerfully carried out long hours of duty and undertook unaccustomed manual work, and I now express the company's appreciation to the members of the staff, and to the ladies who so kindly assisted them, of the services so readily given during the worst period of the trouble."

"The business of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., was taken over by us on July 1, 1925, and all of our obligations under this had have since been met. The London com-

LADY'S DEATH.

SAD SEQUEL TO A RECENT

ACCIDENT.

FOUR MONTHS IN COLONY.

Many will sympathise with Mrs. E. O. Murphy of Empress Hotel, Miss M. Kirkwood, and others of the family in the death of their eldest sister, Miss Elizabeth Kirkwood, who came to Hongkong only in November last year, bringing out Mrs. Murphy's youngest son, who had just finished his school course in Canada.

The climate of Hongkong did not suit Miss Kirkwood, but an unfortunate accident prevented her return to Vancouver, her shoulder having been dislocated through a fall, from which her whole system suffered a severe shock.

Although the accident occurred more than two months ago and the shoulder was healed, the patient's strength never returned to her, and she passed peacefully away at 1.30 o'clock this (Monday) morning.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and the burial service will be conducted by the Rev. J. Horace Johnson, in the Protestant cemetery chapel.

St. Stephen's Girls' College will hold their annual prize distribution at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

pany has now no interest in the business other than that of an ordinary shareholder.

"I am sure you will regret with me the untimely death of the late Sir George S. Gibb, who took so important a part in the negotiations which led to the formation of this company."

"As regards the future, you are already aware that Mr. Weightman, a distinguished telephone expert of international repute selected by the Crown Agents, at our request, to report and advise on the present system in use here arrived in December, and went thoroughly into the question. His report is now under consideration and action will be taken as soon as possible to improve the service. Whatever may eventually be decided upon, however, owing to the congestion amongst telephone manufacturers the world over, it must take the best part of two years from the date the order for the new installation is placed before it can be in work here."

"To Relieve Congestion."

"Meanwhile your directors are earnestly considering what measures can be taken to relieve the congested conditions in the main exchange. When we are in a position to supply additional lines we can look forward to a rapid development of our business. There is already a healthy demand which is certain to increase as conditions here become more normal."

"Before moving the adoption of the report of the directors, with the audited statement of accounts and balance sheet for the period from June 24, 1925 (the date of incorporation of the company) to December 31, 1925, it is necessary to fulfill the conditions of the Companies' Ordinance that I should read the auditors' report."

The report was read, and the chairman proceeded:—

"I now move that the report of the directors, with the audited statement of accounts and balance sheet for the period from June 24, 1925 (the date of incorporation of the company) to December 31, 1925, presented to the meeting, be and the same are hereby received, approved and adopted; that a dividend for six months to December 31, 1925, at the rate of 8 per cent, per annum, on the capital paid up (at December 31, 1925, viz., \$1,075,000) be paid; that the sum of \$35,000 be appropriated to reserve account and the sum of \$17,404.51 be carried forward to the next account. I shall be obliged if a shareholder present will kindly second this motion."

The Hon. Mr. Bird seconded. There was no question and the motion was carried unanimously.

Other business comprised:—

Re-election of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and Mr. J. Scott Harston (retiring directors)—proposed by Mr. Bird, seconded by Mr. McNeill.

Election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors, at a fee of \$2,400 for the year 1925—proposed by Mr. McNeill, seconded by Mr. Walker.

NOT UP TO NAME?

"RESOLUTE'S" TOURISTS

ARRIVE.

LATE COMING IN.

"She can't be quite up to her name 'Resolute' if she doesn't get here on time," remarked an old water front hand, this morning when the steamer with about four hundred tourists on board failed to put in an appearance shortly after daylight. "I'd call her the 'Irresolute' if she is much longer as she is holding up my work."

As an afterthought he added, "Well, maybe there's fog or something else outside and we won't blame her too much."

It was just on 12 noon that the "Resolute" arrived—several hours late.

The Steamboat Co.'s "Taleshan," (which should have left for Macao at 8 a.m.) waited till 10 a.m. and then gave up. About 120 were to have crossed over immediately to the Portuguese colony and an even larger number to-morrow.

Among the traffic arrangements by the Police was the provision of 100 sedan chairs in the Peak district.

The "boat" is owned by the United American Lines, who are running their own tour. The local agents are the Columbia Pacific Shipping Co.

Coming from New York, the pleasure steamer will go on South and get back via Europe.

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POLICE COURTS.

A VARIED LIST OF

CASES.

HAWKERS MISBEHAVIOUR.

Reference to an assault on a woman hawker by a constable and her detention in hospital was made when Mr. Leo d'Almeida appeared before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Inspector Spear said that a woman had been arrested for hawking and was released on bail of \$50, but that she had made no complaint regarding an assault. It was also stated that the bail money was entrusted on the woman failing to attend court.

The Magistrate agreed to re-open the case if the facts were as stated. Mr. Almeida said he would make inquiries.

Compensation for Injury.

Before the same Magistrate, a Chinese with a bandage round his head agreed to receive compensation for an assault on him by four others defended by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

Defendants were bound over to keep the peace for six months and ordered to pay \$10 as compensation in equal shares.

Misbehaviour in Court.

"Do you consider the Court a fit place to spit in?" asked Mr. Lindsell of a Chinese who committed the offence while walking up to take his place near the dock to answer a charge of overcrowding chickens in a basket which had no matting at the bottom.

Defendant had nothing to say in explanation and was fined \$5 in addition to a fine of \$20 on the charge of cruelty to birds which was proved against him.

Gaming School Ralided.

Sub-Inspector F. Shaftain, of the S.C.A., charged three Chinese before Mr. R. E. Lindsell on various counts of keeping a gaming house for Po-Piu lottery tickets and printing announcements. The men were arrested at No. 394, Queen's Road West, second floor, and 4,400 tickets were seized.

Hearing was adjourned for one week.

A clock valued at \$55 was stolen from a motor car left by Captain Morris near the Kowloon ferry station on Saturday night.

Following the recent thefts from sailing boats, another took place on Saturday on a lighter belonging to the Royal Naval Dockyard, which was moored at Kowloon. Two anchor lights, a coil of rope and a tarpaulin were stolen.











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AMOR MARU ... Tuesday, 16th March  
KAIJO MARU ... Sunday, 21st Mar., at 11 a.m.  
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY  
ROJU MARU ... Thursday, 25th Mar., at 10 a.m.  
TAKAO and KEELUNG  
SUDARMA MARU ... Thursday, 25th March  
SEKKOW MARU ... Friday, 26th March  
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**"EXTREME LIMIT"**

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 13.

If a breakdown occurs at Geneva, the Germans alone are responsible, is the unanimous opinion of the newspapers which point out that the Allies have gone to the extreme limit in the way of concessions.

"Le Journal" Geneva correspondent complains that the Germans have not shown signs of genuine goodwill.

"Not Rung Down."

The "Echo de Paris" correspondent thinks that the curtain is far from being rung down at Geneva and that there is "even ground for fear of the result of the previous agreement between France and the other Powers. The League Council may automatically be compelled by virtue of the agenda for the Session to declare itself in favour of the admission of Germany."

A correspondent suggests that France won't oppose Germany's entry and face Locarno and the risk of incurring the reproaches of the whole Anglo-Saxon race and mentions that the Italian delegate yesterday stated that Mussolini had instructed him to vote for Germany. He concludes by suggesting that "France will be dragged along the same path."

Germany Scolded.

The "Petit Parisien's" correspondent scolds Germany for "bargaining over the admission of Poland" and adds that attempts of the Japanese delegate to induce Herr Luther Stressemann to agree to a compromise yesterday night have apparently been unsuccessful.

"Le Matin's" correspondent asserts that Mr. Underen representing Sweden, has agreed to withdraw his veto and that it is even proposed that Sweden withdraw from the Council in favour of Poland.

British Criticism.

The French standpoint at Geneva is stoutly championed by the "Daily Mail" in condemning Francophobia as the fashion of some of our mandarins, mugwumps, highbrows, and defeatists who seek to place every enemy on a pedestal and every ally in the pillory.

The "Daily Mail" is "shocked" that Locarno should be perverted into an anti-French crusade.

The Liberal organs are equally indignant from the opposite viewpoint. The "Daily Chronicle," discussing the "Geneva scandal," says that the full consequences of Sir Austen Chamberlain's "free hand" may be seen to-day and adds that but for him the wrangle which so largely cancelled Locarno and darkens the future of the League itself would never have occurred. It concludes by referring to "one of the most shameful and futile gestures of British diplomacy since the days of Charles II."

"Ludicrous Spectacle."

The "Daily News" says that the past few days at Geneva have presented the world a ludicrous, humiliating and sinister spectacle. It would be a long time before the League would recover from the moral shock received through the disastrous initiative of M. Briand, aided and abetted by Sir Austen Chamberlain and their several satellites.

German Standpoint.

Berlin, March 13.  
The German standpoint at Geneva is explained semi-officially in a statement saying that after careful consideration the German delegates have decided that it is impossible for Germany in the matter of her entry into the League to depart from fundamental principles or give a binding undertaking regarding her future policy.

**"HERETIC" PASTOR**

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, March 13.

According to the "Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant," Dr. Geelkerken sent a second telegram to the Synod asking it to cancel his earlier telegram. He has urgently requested a personal discussion to which the Synod has agreed.

[A cable of January 29 reported: There was a dramatic incident at a meeting of the committee to consider the competence of the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church to decide whether the well-known Amsterdam clergyman, Dr. J. C. Geelkerken, had rightly been declared "a suspect," owing to his alleged unorthodox views in regard to certain narratives in the Old Testament—especially whether the serpent actually spoke to Eve in the Garden of Eden. Discussions in committee were most heated; and the speakers indulged in personalities. When the excitement was at its height, the Chairman, Dr. Demoor, suddenly collapsed and died almost immediately, apparently from apoplexy.]

in the League "particularly in view of the efforts of some members."

Geneva, March 13.  
"If we are elected we stay, otherwise we go," said the German delegates when visited this morning by "Reuter" who found complete calm at German headquarters. The German delegates said it was not a question of their packing up and leaving Geneva. They were awaiting an answer to questions they had put and expected the Council to decide whether the promises made to Germany were to be carried out or not.

Chamberlain Worried.

Geneva, March 13.  
The chief delegates are weary and distressed and the atmosphere is charged with controversy and bitterness. The day dawned with unforeseeable developments in what is "freely described" as the "Geneva tragedy." The general feeling is that the next move must come from Germany. Meanwhile, the actual procedure rests in the hands of the President of the Assembly, Mr. Ishii. Sir Austen Chamberlain, looking pale and worn, was among the early arrivals at the Assembly which was in no wise full but all Dominion members were already seated when the session opened. There is nothing in the agenda with reference to the crisis but the matter may be brought up somehow.

"Most Perplexing."

Geneva, March 13.  
The situation is most perplexing. The suggestion of the "Big Five" was that besides granting a permanent seat on the Council to Germany an additional non-permanent seat should be created which it is understood is intended for Poland although this is not expressly stated. Some quarters are inclined to blame the Germans for their "uncompromising attitude" although the Germans throughout have made it clear that they consider the enlargement of the Council should be referred to a special committee and that Germany herself can in no wise bind herself before she is granted a seat and voice on the Council.

Brief Assembly.

Later.  
This morning's sitting of the Assembly was of the briefest. The President paid a tribute to the memory of Leon Bourgeois, whereafter the Assembly adopted the report of the Committee of Supplementary Estimates on the erection of a conference hall annex to the Secretariat involving an expenditure of 18,000,000 Swiss francs. The proceedings were most formal.

**REPETITION FEARED**

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, March 13.

Commenting on the firing on Japanese destroyers, a Foreign Office spokesman said that the matter was regarded seriously but the Government was awaiting further details before deciding action.

He indicated that nothing but vigorous protest was likely as he thinks the firing was probably due to a misunderstanding though he feared a repetition of similar episodes against foreign ships generally as the Kuomintang troops were undisciplined.

[Two Japanese sailors and a military officer were wounded by machine-gun and military fire from the forts in the vicinity of Taku when two Japanese destroyers attempted to proceed up the river. The destroyers were compelled to retire. The Japanese Consul-General at Tientsin lodged a strong protest.]

Incident "Serious."

The incident is considered most serious. Baron Shidehara and Mr. Takarabe are consulting.

Some decision from the Cabinet is expected probably on Monday. The Foreign Office has stated it "does not expect to retaliate but will demand absolute assurance of non-recurrences in future."

It is said that the principal fears are for the anger of the Japanese public but the attitude of the people is believed to be much different from a decade ago when such an incident would have aroused terrific indignation.

One destroyer has proceeded to Port Arthur with the wounded. Others are anchored at Taku awaiting instructions.

The Government is awaiting suggestions from the Allied consular meeting at Tientsin. It is stated that Japan may act independently but it is hoped that the Powers will agree to some method for future protection.

The matter of the punishment of the attackers and indemnities are to be considered by Japan later.

Naval Movements.

Peking, March 13.

The first Japanese note to the Waichiao this afternoon says that having regard to the recent situation near Taku, the Japanese Government has despatched four destroyers to Tangku by way of precaution to safeguard the free passage of vessels going in and out of the river.

Two of four destroyers, the "Fuyi" and the "Suzuki" were ordered to proceed up river on this mission on the afternoon of the 12th.

Upon information of the entry into Tangku of these destroyers, the Japanese Consul-General at Tientsin lost no time in demanding from Lu Chung-li to issue to local Chinese militaries the necessary instructions to avoid any misunderstandings.

All the necessary arrangements had also been made between a member of the Japanese Consulate-General previously despatched to the spot and the Taku forts authorities as to the entry of the aforementioned destroyers.

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|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
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| Empress of Russia    | Apr. 2  | Apr. 5  | Apr. 8  | Apr. 10 |
| Empress of Australia | Apr. 16 | Apr. 19 | Apr. 22 | Apr. 24 |
| Empress of Asia      | Apr. 30 | May 3   | May 6   | May 8   |
| Empress of Canada    | May 14  | May 17  | May 20  | May 22  |
| Empress of Russia    | May 28  | May 31  | June 3  | June 5  |
| Empress of Australia | June 11 | June 14 | June 16 | June 19 |
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| "DEBTA"      | 5,253  | 11th Apr.                   | Singapore & Bombay                 |
| "DEVANHA"    | 5,087  | 15th Apr.                   | Singapore, Penang, Ceylon & Bombay |
| "KALYAN"     | 5,156  | 17th Apr.                   | Marseilles, London & Antwerp       |
| "MAEDONIA"   | 9,144  | 21st Apr.                   | Marseilles, London & Antwerp       |
| "KASHGAR"    | 11,089 | 1st May                     | Marseilles, London & Antwerp       |
| "MALWA"      | 10,941 | 14th May                    | Marseilles, London & Antwerp       |
| "KHYBER"     | 9,114  | 16th June                   | Marseilles, London & Antwerp       |
| "MANTUA"     | 10,902 | 26th June                   | Marseilles, London & Antwerp       |
| "KARMALA"    | 9,128  | 10th July                   | Marseilles, London & Antwerp       |
| "RANPURA"    | 18,535 | 24th July                   | Marseilles, London & Antwerp       |
| "DELTA"      | 9,097  | 7th Aug.                    | Marseilles, London & Antwerp       |
| "MAEDONIA"   | 11,089 | 21st Aug.                   | Marseilles, London & Antwerp       |
| "KALYAN"     | 9,144  | 4th Sept.                   | Marseilles, London & Antwerp       |
| "MALWA"      | 10,941 | 18th Sept.                  | Marseilles, London & Antwerp       |
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|              |       |           |   |
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| "DEVANHA"    | 9,115  | 20th Mar.  | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe         |
| "DELTA"      | 9,087  | 20th Mar.  | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe         |
| "JAPAN"      | 8,052  | 22nd Mar.  | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe         |
| "TILAWA"     | 10,000 | 23rd Mar.  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| "MAEDONIA"   | 11,089 | 2nd April  | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe         |
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By the amalgamation thus finalised, the N.Y.K. will take over from the T.K.K. the operation of the San Francisco line and the South American (West Coast) line, including the following eight steamers:

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
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| S.S. "Koryo Maru"     | 11,809 |
| S.S. "Siberia Maru"   | 11,790 |
| S.S. "Rakuyo Maru"    | 9,418  |
| S.S. "Anyo Maru"      | 9,256  |
| S.S. "Ginyo Maru"     | 8,600  |
| S.S. "Eokyo Maru"     | 8,603  |
| The S.S. "Taiyo Maru" |        |

(14,454 gross tons) which is owned by the Japanese Government and hitherto operated by the T.K.K. will also be transferred to the N.Y.K. All these steamers will be delivered to the N.Y.K. at Yokohama between March 11 and June 22.

The Hongkong office of the N.Y.K. commenced the booking of freight and passengers over the San Francisco and South American routes from yesterday and the first steamer to be operated under the new regime will be the S.S. "Tenyo Maru," which is expected to arrive here on March 23 and to sail hence on April 27 for San Francisco, under the revised schedule.

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(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 13.  
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(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 13.  
Feeling is running high over the ethics of General Smedley Butler's action in ordering the arrest of his host, Colonel Williams, at a dinner given to the General on taking command of the marines at San Diego for a breach of the prohibition laws.

A society event in his honour has been cancelled, and his action has resulted in doubling the "wet" votes in a newspaper poll on the "dry" laws.

## JAPAN TRAIN SMASH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, March 13.

This morning a passenger train collided with a goods train near Hiroshima, resulting in serious injuries to nine people.

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March 12 to 18, 1926.

| DATE      | HIGH WATER     | LOWER WATER    |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Feb.      | Standard Times | Standard Times |
| Fri. 12   | m 8 59         | 4.6            |
| Sat. 13   | m 9 31         | 4.5            |
| Sun. 14   | m 10 2         | 4.1            |
| Mon. 15   | m 10 34        | 3.4            |
| Tues. 16  | m 11 18        | 2.6            |
| Wed. 17   | m 11 59        | 1.7            |
| Thurs. 18 | m 0 31         | 0.8            |

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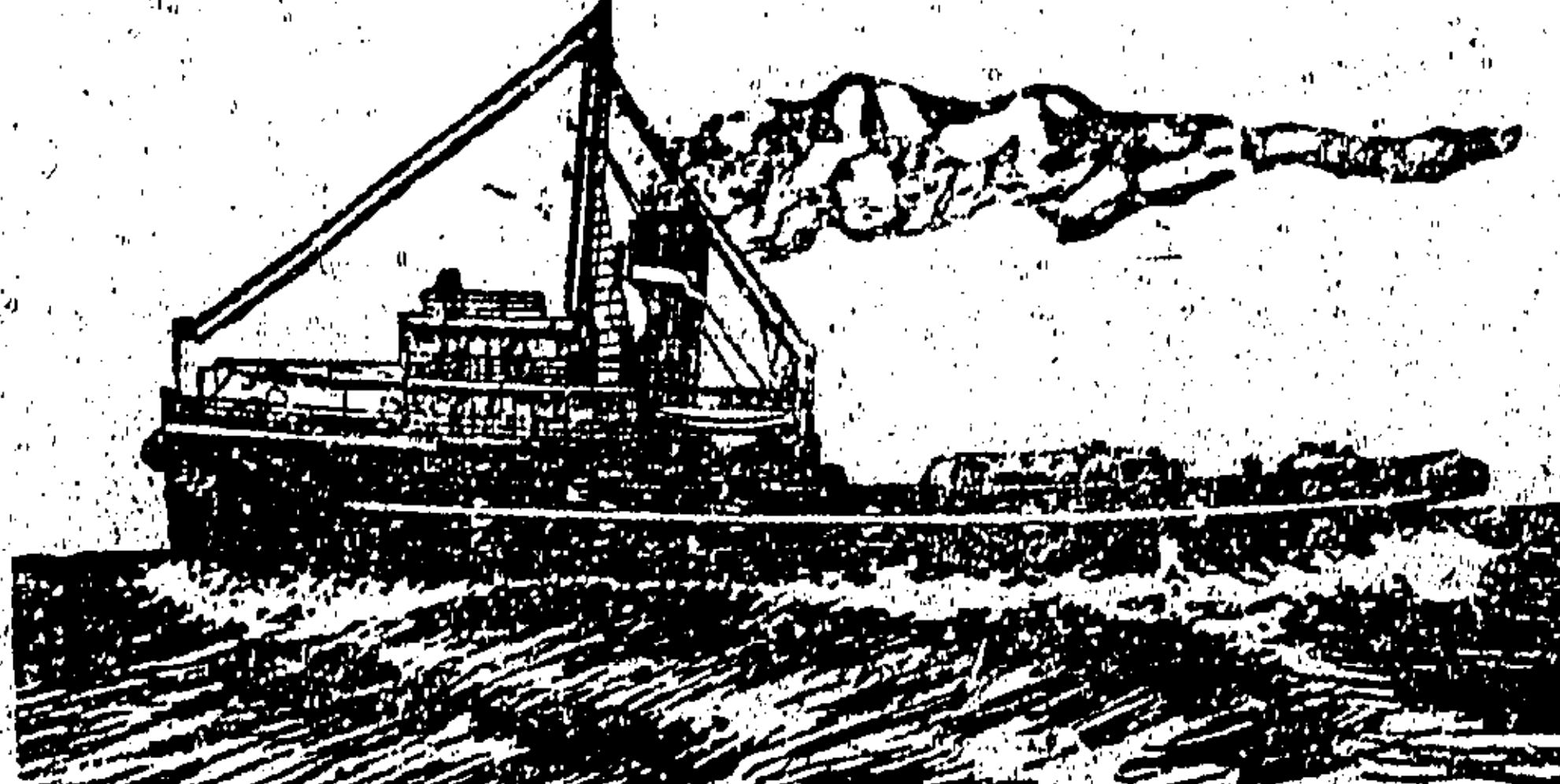
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The C.P.R. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" will leave for Manila at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" left Singapore for this port on March 12 at 4 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on Mar. 17 at about 8 a.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Shirala" for this port on Mar. 17 at 9 a.m. and is due here on Mar. 18 at a.m.

The C.P.R. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on March 6 and is due here on March 25.

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| TRAPPE via SHANGHAI            | CHINGSHANG | Wed. 17th Mar. at 10 a.m. |
| TRAPPE via SHANGHAI            | CHINGSHANG | Wed. 17th Mar. at 10 a.m. |
| STRAITS and CALCUTTA           | SUISANG    | Wed. 17th Mar. at 3 p.m.  |
| Kobe via Amoy, Moji & Yokohama | YAMASANG   | Fri. 15th Mar. at 9 a.m.  |
| YOKOHAMA                       | HOPSHANG   | Fri. 15th Mar. at 9 a.m.  |
| TRAPPE via SHANGHAI            | BANGSANG   | Wed. 24th Mar. at Noon    |
| STRAITS and CALCUTTA           | KUMSANG    | Fri. 26th Mar. at 3 p.m.  |
| BANGKOK via SINGAPORE          | KWANGSANG  | Wed. 31st Mar. at 3 p.m.  |
| Kobe via SHANGHAI              | KUTSANG    | Fri. 1st Apr. at 7 a.m.   |

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SHIZUOKA MARU Wednesday, 31st March.

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore & Ports.

FUSHIMI MARU Saturday, 27th March, at 11 a.m.

HAKOZAKI MARU Saturday, 10th April.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

TANGO MARU Wed. 24th March, at 11 a.m.

AKI MARU Wednesday, 21st April.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

MAEBASHI MARU Saturday, 20th March.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

KANAGAWA MARU Friday, 23rd April.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

BENGAL MARU Tuesday, 23rd March.

TOYOOKA MARU Monday, 25th March.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

NAGATO MARU Saturday, 20th March.

MORIOKA MARU Tuesday, 30th March.

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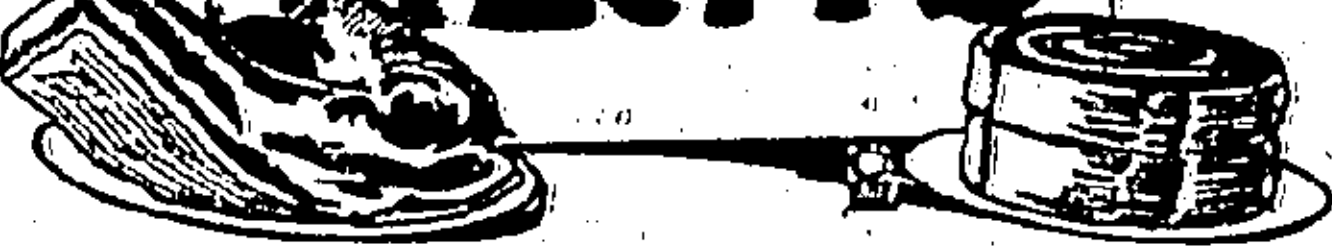
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### DEATH.

KIRKWOOD.—An Empress Hotel,  
at 1.30 o'clock this morning,  
Elizabeth Kirkwood, of heart  
failure. Funeral will pass the  
Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

Hongkong, Monday, March 15, 1926.

### HONGKONG'S TRADE.

Trade returns, like Blue-books  
and White Papers, are not  
usually beloved of the com-  
mentator on public affairs.  
There is a sort of dryness  
about them that repels—a kind  
of dullness that does not tend to  
lift. There may be, as Shake-  
speare says, "tongues in trees,  
books in the running brooks,  
sermons in stones, and good in  
everything." And so the latest  
fortnightly trade return of the  
Hongkong General Chamber of  
Commerce is tenderly taken up  
and the pages quietly perused in  
the hope of finding that "good in  
everything."

As a barometer to the prevail-  
ing state of our trade such a for-  
tightly return ought to be useful,  
besides being up to date—quite a  
change, indeed, from dealing with  
annual Government Departmental  
reports for the year 1924 or even  
1925. Here, in this Chamber of  
Commerce return, we are brought  
down to as recent a date as March  
10. Six pages are devoted to a  
statement showing how the  
Colony's exports were distributed  
from January 1 to March 10, with  
comparisons of the same period  
last year and 1924.

A note of pessimism is struck  
by the first three columns of the  
return of exports to the United  
States and Canada via the Suez  
and Panama Canals. For this year  
to date only nine tons and ten  
packages of bamboo were were  
exported as against 604  
tons and 1,439 packages in the  
corresponding period  
last year. Blackwood ware  
shows a heavier slump, only one  
package have been sent away, as  
against 90 tons and 102 packages  
last year, and the column under  
"bristles" is entirely blank this  
year, whereas in 1925 13 tons and  
110 packages were despatched.  
Canees show a similar blank for  
this year, as against 348 tons and  
1,358 bales a year ago. Not a  
single fan was sent as cargo to  
the American Continent this year,  
the figures for last year being 30  
tons and 572 boxes—evidence of  
the great need for a few more

heat waves in America! Even in  
the way of firecrackers, shipments  
have fallen off, only 259 tons and  
4,525 cases leaving the Colony  
this year to date as compared with  
1,784 tons and 34,822 cases at  
this time in 1925. Ginger sup-  
plies a gleam of hope to the wader  
of trade statistics, for 90 tons and  
838 packages have been exported  
in trade statistics, for 90 tons and  
170 packages last year.  
Rattan ware also shows an in-  
crease on last year, as does rice in  
bags. Silk and silk waste have  
practically what the health re-  
turn analysts describe as "a nil  
entry" this year, but of sugar  
350 tons went forward this year  
and five bags of sago and tapioca,  
neither of which commodities  
figured in the return up to this  
time a year ago. The "ten habit"  
in America, we have been told, is  
being encouraged—"boosted," in  
fact—and this may be responsible  
for an export of 100 tons and  
1,238 packages this year as  
against only 48 tons and 192  
packages last year.

Another portion of the returns  
gives the exports to the Pacific  
seaboard of the U.S. and Canada  
via the Pacific; and an analysis of  
these gives almost the same re-  
sults—rays of cheerfulness and  
notes of despondency that trade  
has been so bad. The rays are  
provided by such commodities as  
pineapples and rubber, but a sur-  
prise is created by a drop of over  
18,000 tons of tea.

Chapter III is the saddest of  
the lot, albeit in the mourning of  
lost-trade line it can run Chapter  
IV a very close race. These chap-  
ters, it may be explained, deal  
with the exports from Hongkong  
to the Continent of Europe, and  
the exports from Hongkong to  
Great Britain, respectively. In  
all but one of the 27 columns of  
the former, the declines recorded  
this year as compared with last;  
and in each one of the 24 columns  
of the exports to Great Britain is  
to be found the same monotonous  
state of affairs.

There is always, of course, in  
trade the option either of refusing  
to be bowed down by adverse  
figures or of raising the head in  
the proud expectation that the  
worst has been passed and that  
subsequent figures will bring more  
joy to the regular student of com-  
mercial statistics. If the fort-  
nightly returns issued by the  
"Hongkong General Chamber of  
Commerce" can serve any good pur-  
pose beyond that for which they  
are automatically and so regularly  
compiled, we are inclined to be-  
come a "constant reader."

### AVERTING STRIKES.

Fascism is likely to gain many  
converts if it continues on the  
lines indicated in its latest piece  
of legislation. By 138 votes to 26  
the Fascist Trade Unions Bill,  
providing for compulsory arbitra-  
tion in labour disputes, has been  
passed. Thus, Italy, under its  
present regime, is promised im-  
munity from the disastrous con-  
sequences of strikes—especially  
from those which are ill-timed,  
and those others, which in the  
words of the Italian Premier may  
be described as "luxury  
strikes." The idea may be new  
to Italy, but it is not new,  
as an idea, elsewhere. Even in  
Hongkong it has been mooted,  
but so far, has not gained the

prominence of a legislative enact-  
ment. The reason for this is not  
quite apparent. Probably an un-  
necessary suspicion lurks in the  
minds of those who, presumably,  
would have everything to gain  
from a free and unfettered discus-  
sion of their wrongs—fancied or  
real. A "parliament" of local  
labour is a thing much to be de-  
sired, in which employers and  
employees would be evenly re-  
presented. The late Mr. Montague  
Edie's scheme was somewhat along  
these lines. At any rate it tend-  
ed to consolidate labour to the  
end that contentment should  
reign and that the Colony should  
be spared "lightning" strikes;  
strikes based on legitimate griev-  
ances, and those others which may  
lie at the doors of paid, unpaid,  
and certainly unprincipled agita-  
tors. The Fascist conception can,  
without hesitation, be adopted to  
Hongkong conditions,—that is  
that "all must be within, and none  
outside." That those who live  
and work here under conditions of  
absolute freedom and liberty,  
must consider themselves as  
"within" the Colony, here for  
their own good, but also for the  
good of the Colony and those  
others who, in divers ways, are  
working for the good of all. The  
simplicity—the commonsense—of  
the idea of compulsory arbitration  
—should appeal to all. We should  
aim at getting rid of unnecessary  
suspicions and such false ideas  
that capital is necessarily anta-  
gonistic to labour, but rather the  
true idea that one cannot possibly  
exist without the other, and that  
in the combination of the two is to  
be found solid progress to the  
benefit of all.

### HOME SOCCER.

ENGLAND WINS INTER-  
LEAGUE.

IN FIVE DIVISIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 13.  
Football matches played to-day  
resulted:—  
Inter-League.  
England 2, Scotland 0, (at Glas-  
gow).

Division I.  
Birmingham 1, Newcastle 1.  
Blackburn 6, Burnley 3.  
Bury 0, Leeds 2.  
Cardiff 2, Aston Villa 0.  
Everton 2, Arsenal 3.  
Huddersfield 5, Manchester  
United 0.

Division II.  
Barnsley 1, Wednesday 1.  
Blackpool 1, South Shields 0.  
Bradford City 1, Wolverhampton  
2.  
Chelsea 3, Oldham 0.  
Clapton Orient 4, Stoke 0.  
Darlington 1, Fulham 2.  
Derby 0, Portsmouth 2.  
Hull 4, Stockport 0.  
Nottingham 1, Middlesbrough 0.  
Port Vale 3, Swansea 0.  
Southampton 2, Preston N.E. 0.

Division III (South).  
Aberdare 3, Charlton 1.  
Bournemouth 4, Northampton 2.  
Brentford 3, Newport 3.  
Brighton 1, Gillingham 2.  
Bristol City 3, Queen's Park  
Rangers 1.  
Crystal Palace 3, Luton 0.  
Millwall 1, Reading 0.  
Norwich 3, Exeter 1.  
Plymouth 1, Bristol Rovers 2.  
Southend 3, Swindon 0.  
Wattford 6, Merthyr 1.

Division III (North).  
Astonington 3, Accrington 1.  
Barrow 1, Halifax 2.  
Coventry 1, Grimsby 1.  
Crewe 3, Rochdale 2.  
Doncaster 3, Chesterfield 0.  
Lincoln 1, Tranmere 3.  
Nelson 3, Rotherham 0.  
New Brighton 3, Hartlepool 2.  
Southport 1, Walsall 1.  
Wigan 4, Durham 1.  
Wrexham 4, Bradford 2.

Scottish League.  
Aberdeen 1, Motherwell 0.  
Airdrieonians 1, Queen's Park 1.  
Clydebank 0, Hibernians 1.  
Cowdenbeath 1, Kilmarnock 0.  
Hamilton 1, Falkirk 1.  
Harts 6, Morton 1.  
Raith 1, St. Mirren 3.  
St. Johnstone 2, Partick 2.

Among the passengers leaving  
for Home leave on the P. and O.  
s.s. "Kashmir" on Saturday was  
Mr. J. Russell, of the Taikeo  
Dockyard and Engineering Co.,  
of Hongkong Ltd. Mr. Russell  
was accompanied by his wife and  
family.

### COBHAM HOME.

GREAT RECEPTION FOR AIR  
HERO.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 13.

Huge crowds at Croydon lustily  
cheered the appearance in the  
sunny sky of a little fleet of aero-  
planes at 4.15 o'clock this after-  
noon heading to the aerodrome  
from the south. They were the  
planes which earlier set out to  
escort Mr. Alan Cobham home in  
the final stage of the 16,000 mile  
return from Cape Town, a flight  
in which he was surveying a pos-  
sible African air route.

Mrs. Cobham, who was on  
board one of the welcoming  
planes, affectionately greeted her  
husband on his landing at  
Croydon.

Notwithstanding delay, due to  
bad weather and sand storms, in  
various parts of the route, the  
airman beat the mail steamer  
"Windsor Castle," which left  
Cape Town on the same day as  
he did. The steamer does not  
arrive before Monday.

At Buckingham Palace.

London, later.

Mr. Alan Cobham, accompanied  
by his wife, went to Buckingham  
Palace to deliver a message from  
the Earl of Athlone, Governor-  
General of South Africa.

His Majesty the King had a  
long conversation with Mr.  
Cobham, whom he congratulated  
and expressed the opinion that  
this pioneer flight would prob-  
ably find imitators in the future.

### BEAUTIFUL LANDING.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 13.

Mr. Cobham was met on this  
side of the English Channel by a  
fleet of seven light aeroplanes of  
the Moth type, one containing  
Mrs. Cobham, the airman's wife,  
and by saloon aeroplanes of the  
Imperial Airways, containing  
members of the public.

Mr. Cobham effected a beauti-  
ful landing and was given a  
tremendous ovation by a great  
crowd who carried him shoulder  
high to the aerodrome. Here he  
was congratulated warmly by Sir  
Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary  
at the Air Ministry, and by  
Colonel Edwards, Director of  
Civil Aviation.

Mr. Cobham looked extremely  
well and declared that he  
had had a glorious voyage,  
in spite of the ex-  
tremely difficult flying condi-  
tions on various stages. He had  
flown from Pisa to-day, a dis-  
tance of 925 miles. He left Cape  
Town fifteen days ago. He had  
flown the same British-made De  
Havilland machine to South  
Africa and back.

### Extremes of Climate.

Rugby, March 14.

On his return flight from Cape  
Town Mr. Cobham flew 8,500  
miles in 80 flying hours.  
On the whole of his 16,000  
miles flight to and from  
Cape Town, although he  
encountered every kind of  
weather—from the intense heat  
of the Sudan to the icy tempera-  
ture over the Mediterranean, in-  
cluding sand storms and snow  
storms—Mr. Cobham had not the  
slightest mechanical difficulty with  
his machine or engine.

His De Havilland fifty aero-  
plane, which has now flown over  
100,000 miles, was the identical  
machine in which last year he  
flew to Rangoon from London.  
On the Cape Town flight he had  
a Siddeley Puma 330 horse-power  
air-cooled engine of the same type  
as that used on the Rangoon  
flight, but of higher power. This  
was necessary because of the high  
altitude of many of the landing  
grounds on the African flight.

Mr. Cobham would have done the  
return flight in eleven instead of  
fifteen days had not tropical  
storms turned some of the  
African landing grounds into  
swamps, from which it was im-  
possible to take off until the water  
had drained away.

His flight was undertaken not  
only to prove the reliability of  
the all-British aeroplane, but  
also to prove how much might be  
done in the way of an aerial mail  
and passenger service between  
various parts of Africa.

### NOT WANTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Florence, March 13.

Mr. W. Ellison, who has been  
released from prison after his  
resented references to Signor  
Mussolini, has been expelled from  
Italy.

Losing control of a hand truck  
loaded with stone, damage to the  
extent of \$15 was done to a haw-  
ker's booth at Wing Fung Street.  
The truck man was injured and  
had to be sent to hospital.

### RIDDLED!

YANGTZE STEAMER  
FIRED ON.

Ichang, March 1.

A British steamer has just  
arrived in port with its smoke  
stack looking more like an  
elongated gale, having been the  
target of numberless rifles on its  
way down from Chungking.

General Yang Sen has been here  
for a few days. He left yester-  
day morning, February 28, for  
Szechwan. It is understood that  
he has instructions from Marshal  
Wu Pei-fu to make peace in that  
province, but it is very doubtful  
if such a desired condition can  
be realised without more fighting.—  
Reuter's Pacific Service.

### SHORTHAND.

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL  
SUCCESSSES.

Results of an examination in  
Pitman's Shorthand, held in the  
Convent on December last, are to  
hand, and are as follows:—

Speed 100 Words: Misses Bernice  
Chenailly, Olga King, Celeste  
Ozorio, Estelle Xavier, Jeany  
Rosario and Benedetta Xavier.

80 words: Misses May Gaubert  
and Winifred Lifferton.

60 words: Misses Kimy Barretto,  
Cissy Noronha, Celestina Xavier,  
Mrs. M. Howe, Albertina Garcia,  
Meredes Ribeiro, Carolina Ribeiro  
and Remigia Elarte.

Elementary: Misses Nancy  
McEwen, Kathleen McEwen, Mary  
Yeung, Phyllis Woolley, Gladys  
McNider and Dorothy Williams.

In a dispute at a street fountain  
in Kowloon, a woman was wound-  
ed in the head by another woman who  
has been detained.

Until noon to-morrow the weath-  
er forecast is (Hongkong) S.E.  
winds, moderate, backing to N.E.  
later and freshening; generally  
cloudy, some drizzle or mist (For-  
mosa Channel) N.E. winds, freshen-  
ing.

Prior to leaving Hongkong on  
Friday on the s.s. "Tonkin" for  
Singapore to take up his new ap-  
pointment of French Consul there,  
M. Yves du Courthial, who had  
been the French Consul in Hong-  
kong for just over a year, was  
presented with a gold watch in  
appreciation of his services at a  
gathering of members of the  
French community held at the  
Hongkong Hotel, at which M. du  
Courthial was the guest of hon-  
our. The departure of M. and  
Mme. du Courthial will be much  
regretted by the French com-  
munity here and by their many  
friends.



Another romance of the grand  
opera stage was shattered when Mrs.  
Strilla Wilson Smith, a former Aus-  
tralian prima donna, divorced Ralph  
Errolle, tenor of the Metropolitan  
Opera.

A Pacific Coast business man  
who was well known among his  
friends for his prowess with the  
ladles, had just returned to the city  
from a hunting trip after grizzlies  
in the Canadian Rockies.

At the club he was reciting to a  
ring of listeners his perilous situa-  
tion when his rifle jammed and a  
wounded female grizzly was in full  
charge.

At this moment the phone rang,  
and the hunter was obliged to leave  
to keep an appointment.

The next evening, when he en-  
tered, there was a chorus of  
"Well, tell us how you came out."  
You remember, she was just ad-  
vancing toward you.

"Oh, yes!" was the surprising  
reply, "then I took her in my arms  
and kissed her; she simply couldn't  
resist me."



## MORE HOPEFUL.

## TEMPORARY SOLUTION OF GENEVA TROUBLES.

## A BELGIAN SUGGESTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, March 14.

A more hopeful view prevails at present as a solution, which would save the face of all parties, appears to be in sight. It is understood that the Council is working on the proposal of M. Vandervelde according to which Germany will obtain a seat on the Council forthwith and immediately afterward pronounce in favour of the addition of one non-permanent seat, leaving the meeting of the Assembly in September to select the country which will occupy that seat.

The question of an addition to the permanent seats appears to be abandoned at present.

## Averting A Smash?

Geneva, March 14.

The "British view of the League Council crisis to-night is that hope should not be abandoned until a catastrophe occurs. They do not see, however, how a smash can be averted.

## SWEDEN'S OFFER.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 13.

There was a resumption of the private conversations at Geneva to-day in spite of the acute disappointment felt at the failure of yesterday's efforts to arrive at a solution.

The most interesting development to-day was the publication of the news that Sweden and Belgium had each offered to forgo her non-permanent seat on the Council in favour of Poland as a contribution to the settlement of the dispute.

In regard to Sweden it was made known that her offer was to be taken as a clear indication that the stand she has made was on the point of principle and in no way indicated the slightest unfriendliness to any particular Power aspiring to a seat in the Council.

Although no information of any definite sequel to these developments had reached London this evening, they have certainly considerably stimulated the hope that this helpful spirit will provoke emulation and that a settlement of the difficulties will thereby result.

## First Consideration.

Rugby, March 14.

The problem confronting the statesmen at Geneva remains unsolved, and it is impossible to forecast at present what the result of the forthcoming week will be.

The Assembly has been convened for Tuesday to vote on the admission of Germany to the League. When the requisite majority has been obtained there the matter will then pass to the Council, where a unanimous vote is required. The British delegates will do their utmost to see that Germany is admitted to the League and is allotted a permanent seat on the Council, for that is in their view the first consideration to be borne in mind.

It is, however, impossible to foresee whether this can definitely be achieved owing to the failure up to the present to arrive at any understanding which will assure unanimity in the Council.

The private meetings and conversations that have taken place between members of the Council during the past few days have produced many suggestions for overcoming the difficulties and for meeting divergent points of view. One such proposal involved the giving to Germany of the only permanent seat allotted at this meeting of the League and the creation of a further non-permanent seat—thus maintaining the existing ratio between permanent and non-permanent members of the Council, it being for the Assembly to nominate and choose the nation which should occupy this extra temporary seat.

Although widely supported among the delegations at Geneva, this suggestion did not meet with German acceptance.

## No Compromise.

In Press interviews the German delegates explain their attitude by stating that public opinion in Germany anticipated that no other Power would join the Council on this occasion, and that neither the statutes of the League nor any pledge given by the League could be cited to justify her acquiescence in such a solution.

It is also reported that the suggestion was volunteered from one or more of the present possessors of temporary seats on the Council to assist a solution of the difficulty by resigning in favour of Poland, but this was provisional upon the acceptance by Germany of the compromise.

## The Better Day.

To-day (Sunday) further efforts to save the situation from an absolute impasse are being continued at Geneva. These efforts are largely based upon the feeling that all the Powers have nothing to gain, but have very much to lose, by such a regrettable setback to the hopes inspired by the work of

European conciliation achieved in recent months. The Council met in private this evening, and will hold an official session to-morrow.

## EARLIER CABLES.

Geneva, March 12.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, interviewed by Reuter, said that although he was more hopeful yesterday of a satisfactory settlement of the Council membership problem as a result of M. Vandervelde's passionate appeal, M. Briand's conciliatory attitude, and his own efforts to go one better, he now felt that Dr. Luther's rejection of their proposals made all efforts to continue conversations useless. He described the outcome of the efforts as a tragedy, and added that as to the future, the whole affair was in the hands of the League Council and it was impossible to say what the reaction of the latest events would be.

## Dominion's View.

Geneva, March 13.

A feature of Sir Austen Chamberlain's activities has been his continuous close contact with the Dominion representatives, to whom he assiduously reported the developments, notably following last night's dramatic pronouncement of Dr. Luther when the Dominion representatives were hastily summoned and conferred with Sir A. Chamberlain at midnight.

Reuter learns that the Dominion representatives do not view with favour the expansion of the Council and are apprehensive regarding the prestige of the League if matters are allowed to drift; but they are not inclined to take a tragic view at the present.

## A Fresh Effort.

Geneva, later.

An informal three-hour meeting of the members of the Council was adjourned.

To-morrow's meeting of the Assembly is for the purpose of voting the entry of Germany into the League.

M. Vandervelde, on leaving the Council, declared that he was making a fresh effort to-morrow to reach a solution, as it would be humiliating for all to return home if the work of Locarno were endangered. He added that should no solution be reached before Tuesday, they at any rate would explain the position to the Assembly and learn the latter's opinion.

## Spain and Brazil.

London, March 13.

The imbroglio at Geneva continues to be the predominant topic of European discussion, and the latest reported development made by the "Observer's" diplomatic correspondent is that Spain and Brazil have withdrawn their claims for permanent seats on the Council of the League and decided to vote Germany's permanent seat unconditionally. In his opinion this makes it likely that the Polish claim will have to be dropped.

The most interesting news from Paris states that some of the papers are expressing surprise at the new revelation made by M. Briand in the course of addressing French journalists; namely that the Allies recently promised that Germany would be eventually allocated a Colonial mandate.

Well-informed quarters in London refuse to take an entirely pessimistic view of the general situation. These circles point out that the situation does not affect the signature of the Locarno Treaties, but that these do not operate until Germany is admitted.

## Germany's Way.

Geneva, March 13.

The latest from Geneva, says an article by Stresemann in the journal "De Geneve" on the crisis has favourably impressed League circles. He declares that Germany has not made the entry of Poland to the Council a question of principle. Germany is ready after admission to the League to get pending questions solved at the September Session.

Germany will be ready to abide by the Assembly majority decision as to who shall enter the Council as a non-permanent member, and suggests that a special Committee of members of the Council Assembly might draw up a report on the matter for submission to the Council.

## "Nervy" Press.

London, March 13.

The "Sunday Press" comment is outspoken. The "Observer" says that the whole episode has made a disgusting impression on British public opinion. The great work of peace accomplished at Locarno, outside the League has been nearly destroyed inside. On those terms it would be safer for peace and the British Empire to preserve the good results achieved outside and reject the League. The Government ought to give its warning in that sense, and put its foot down. An attempt before Germany's admission to change or tamper with the fundamental principle of the League's constitution, that permanent seats of the Council should be reserved to greater nations, is no act of good faith in the plain ordinary sense.

The "Sunday Times" asserts that there would have been none of this ferment if Great Britain had set firmly and promptly on the first signs of it. "We are to blame for not asserting ourselves sooner, and not making it plain to everybody that we regarded Germany's sole admission to the Council as a point of international honour; and secondly it was our policy to reserve permanent seats on the Council for the great Powers."

## VOLLEY OF SHOTS.

## SERIOUS INCIDENT AT TAKU FORTS.

## JAPANESE DEMANDS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 13.

In the Japanese Note in regard to the Taku incident, it is stated:—The Japanese destroyers were preceded by a steam launch with a Chinese officer from the forts on board, and flying their own flags, and "C" flag as previously arranged. They proceeded up river with the utmost caution. When they were under the forts, however, and the Chinese officer had landed from the launch to report to the authorities of the forts, all of a sudden a volley of shots was fired by Chinese soldiers near the forts.

In sheer necessity for self-protection, the Japanese destroyers had only to answer the fire and retire toward Tangku. As a result of this firing Lieut. Phymaster Tsui was severely wounded and Commander Katsuki, commanding the destroyer flotilla and Warrant officer Hattori were slightly wounded.

The above incident caused serious consequences and is especially regretted in view of the friendly relations existing between Japan and China.

The Japanese Minister, whilst reserving for a later opportunity, his proposals to the Chinese Government in respect of a settlement of this unfortunate occurrence, demands that the Chinese Government meantime instruct the local Chinese military officials to do all they can to avoid a repetition of such regrettable occurrences and take immediate, definite, and most effective steps for that purpose.

## A Conference.

Tientsin, March 13.

In connection with the blockade of Tientsin, a conference on board R.M.S. "Foxglove" between the British, American, French and Italian Naval Commanders decided to require the commanders of Chang Tsu-ling's fleet and Taku fort to afford a complete cessation of military interference by Tuesday.

No Japanese attended the conference owing to the absence of Japanese warships.

## An "Absurd" Report.

Tientsin, March 14.

According to a statement made by the diplomatic representative of the Kuominchun here, a Japanese destroyer fired on the forts first, after which the forts replied.

This is flatly denied by the Japanese Consuls who characterise the report as absurd.

## Civil War To Go On.

Tientsin, March 14.

Kuominchun Headquarters to-day gave out the text of the telegram from Lu Chung-lin in which he expresses his views on the recent peace pourparlers at Peking. He concedes the feasibility of surrendering Jehol to Fengtien, but scouts the suggestion that Chihli should also be surrendered, pointing out that for the second time great sacrifices are being made by the Kuominchun to preserve the integrity of the province, and furthermore it is really a matter for Sun Yuch to decide.

On the general question of a rapprochement with Mukden, Lu suggests that Fengtien is weakened considerably by the loss of Kuo Sung-lin and Chiang Teng-hsuan and also by the defeat of Li Ching-lin and Chang Tsung-chang which he claims is now complete.

If, therefore, the Kuominchun adopts a strong attitude, he considers that it will be easier to come to terms with Fengtien than, if weakness is shown.

There is no reason, he declares, finally, why they should sue for peace when the Kuominchun is steadily gaining ground. For himself he swears to fight to the last.

## 18 CENTS!

## FIRST CAPITAL OF AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 13.

The death has occurred of the millionaire philanthropist and coconut importer, Mr. Leopold Schepp, who started business at the age of ten years with a capital of eighteen cents.

## "SUMMER TIME"

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 14.

Summer time begins in New York on April 25.

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## "HERETIC" PASTOR.

## CROWDED CHURCH HEARS HIM PREACH.

## NOTHING SENSATIONAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, March 14.

The Church Council of Amsterdam South by a large majority decided to allow the Rev. Dr. Gelkerken to preach to-day and continued to support him.

The Church was crowded, but there was no incident.

## Earlier Cable.

Amsterdam, March 13.

After sitting till the early hours the Synod decided to suspend Dr. Gelkerken for three months.

Students gave a great ovation to Dr. Gelkerken outside his house at midnight.

There is great tension in Amsterdam. Groups of members of Dr. Gelkerken's Church indignantly discuss the "three months" suspension passed by the Synod.

## ANTI-DRY WAR.

## "WETS" HEAD NEWSPAPER VOTE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 13.

The unprecedentedly spirited fight between the "wets" and "drys" has come to a head with the announcement that the "wets" have so far secured a 10 to 1 majority in the so-called newspaper "straw vote" on whether the Volstead Law will stand or be amended to permit the sale of light wines and beer.

The "drys" assert that they warned their supporters not to participate in the ballot. Nevertheless, they have requested an audience with President Coolidge, and urge vigorous maintenance of the law.

The members of the Senate and House of Representatives every day listen to disputatious speeches in the Judiciary Committee. The Senate has considered several measures aiming at modification, and several Senators have threatened, if the measures are pigeonholed, that they will raise the question on the floor of the Senate.

The South Carolina Senator, Mr. Coleman L. Blease, speaking at a policemen's banquet, said that Washington was notoriously wet, especially the Capitol. "The trouble is that the Congressmen vote dry, and think wet."

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Delta" left Singapore for this port yesterday at 6 a.m. and is due here on March 19 at about afternoon.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kiddalore" left Shanghai for this port on March 13 at 2.30 p.m. and is due here on March 17 at about 6 a.m.

## PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" on March 12:—Mr. W. A. Butterfield, Mr. N. Curdle, Mr. and Mrs. A. Daraney, Miss S. Daraney, Miss E. Daraney, Mr. and Mrs. R. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould, Mr. J. F. Kopik, Mr. L. Monendy, Mr. L. Pole, Miss A. Salonga, Miss Jean Smith, Mr. William J. Mrs. L. Yates, Miss D. H. Yates and Master R. H. Yates.

Per D.L.S., "Paga Wilson" on Mar 13:—Admiral and Mrs. W. H. C. Bullard, Mr. B. S. Bartholomew, Mrs. J. Feldstein, Miss A. Clemons, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Finkbine, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gerry, Mr. F. A. W. Handley, Mr. F. A. Ingalls, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Jennings, Master H. J. Jennings, Mr. K. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McDowell, Mrs. A. and Miss R. Pradere, Mr. H. B. Phillips, Master M. Phillips, Mr. W. Riley, Mr. J. W. Riddell, Mr. R. Schuster, Mr. Yen Wong, Miss P. Subudhan, Miss C. Archer, Mr. C. W. Armstrong, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Colonna, Mr. P. R. Dandelson, Mr. Wm. A. Ford, Mr. F. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Helbroon, Mrs. J. Levy, Miss M. E. Lybrook, Mr. Jun Millan, Mrs. C. Polets, Mrs. W. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. S. Picornell, Master P. Picornell, Mrs. R. Redman, Comdr. and Mrs. F. H. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Taussig, Mr. C. E. Van Sickle, Miss R. S. Wilson, Mrs. and Miss B. Taylor, Mr. H. Beckman, Mr. J. H. Jones, Mr. J. Hardison, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Price, Mrs. B. Mallier, Mr. Dea Yin, Mr. Refugio Lay, Mr. Quan Yin, Mr. Tom Cho-yan, Mr. Ng Sing, Mr. Quan Que, Mr. Quan Lam, Mr. R. A. Jellray, Dr. Von Kulher, Mrs. Chan Ming-gee, Mr. Som Wing, Master Lee Ah-yong, Miss F. Woodworth, Miss Robertson, Miss C. Greenhalgh, Mr. K. Alma, Mrs. D. Foster Jack, Dr. and Mrs. P. Friedlich, Miss E. Greenham, Miss V. M. Sale, Mrs. E. G. Sale, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Devlinney, Miss Gerondal, Mr. I. B. Trevor, Mr. E. Arns, Mr. D. Hall, Dr. R. Muir, Miss M. Muir, Mr. I. Muir, Mrs. A. L. Peat, Mr. R. V. Marshall, Mrs. Geo. L. Ralphs, Mr. Chas. E. E. Childers, Mr. J. J. L. Davyendak, Mr. S. J. Wilcox, Mr. T. Mah-yuk, Mr. Ho Chak-por, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wallace.

## RUBBER NEEDS.

## REPORT OF THE AMERICAN COMMISSION.

## DIVIDED PARTIES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, March 14.

The House of Representatives Commerce Commission's report on rubber scarcity is divided by Party lines.

The Republican majority urges rubber conservation and plantation development under the American flag to combat British restriction.

The Democratic minority criticises this as tending to provoke retaliation.

The majority finds that the price of rubber has advanced 300 per cent. above the "fair price."

It adds that Panama, South America, and Liberia have been indicated as good fields for raising rubber, but the Philippines has declared that it would be best if the law limiting the size of land holdings would be abrogated.

The report is not confined to rubber, but inter alia, suggests that deposits in Texas and Utah are sufficient to break the Franco-German monopoly potash. Moreover, the use of rayon would free America from the Japanese command of the silk trade.

## U.S. IMMIGRATION.

## APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMISSIONER.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 13.

Mr. Benjamin Day succeeds the Immigration Commissioner Mr. Henry Curran (who resigned as the result of the Countess of Cathcart case).

## Shadows Before.

## COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE "MAIL."

## Entertainments.

March 15—Queen's Theatre: 1 A Mix-in "Riders of the Purple Sage" and Harold Austin in "A Cloudy Romance."

March 15—Star Theatre: "The Fatal Hour."

March 15—World Theatre: Mildred Harris in "The Fog."

March 16-17—Queen's Theatre: "Scars of Jealousy."

March 16-17—Star Theatre: Hawaiian Jazz and "The Song of Life."

March 17—Concert at St. Patrick's Club, Garden Road, 8.30 p.m.

March 19—Star Theatre: "The Sport of Kings."

March 20-21—Star Theatre: "No, No, Nanette."

March 20—Hongkong Boxing Association's sixth tournament of the Season at Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

April 3—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

April 5—Fanning Hunt Steeplechase meeting at Kwantli race course, near Fanning (New Territories).

May 1—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

June 5—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

October 2—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

November 6—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Auctions.

March 16—At No. 153, The Peak, and No. 70B Nathan Road, Kowloon: household furniture, by Lammert Bros., 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. respectively.

March 19—Lammert Bros. at Queen's Building Godown, old iron and sundries, 11 a.m.

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Company Meetings.

March 17—Thirty-seventh meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

March 24—Fourth annual meeting of shareholders of Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

March 25—Forty-second ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

March 26—Fifty-seventh meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's offices, at noon.

Miscellaneous.

March 15—Opening of Durrell's Beauty Shoppe at 18, Ice House Street.

March 15—Water restrictions put into force.

March 15—Popular lecture at Helena May Institute, by A. H. Crook, Esq., 5.30 p.m.

March 24—Annual meeting of the Hongkong Rationalist Association, 6.15 p.m.

March 30—Display of singing, dancing and recitation by pupils of Peak School, at the Peak Club, 5.15 p.m.

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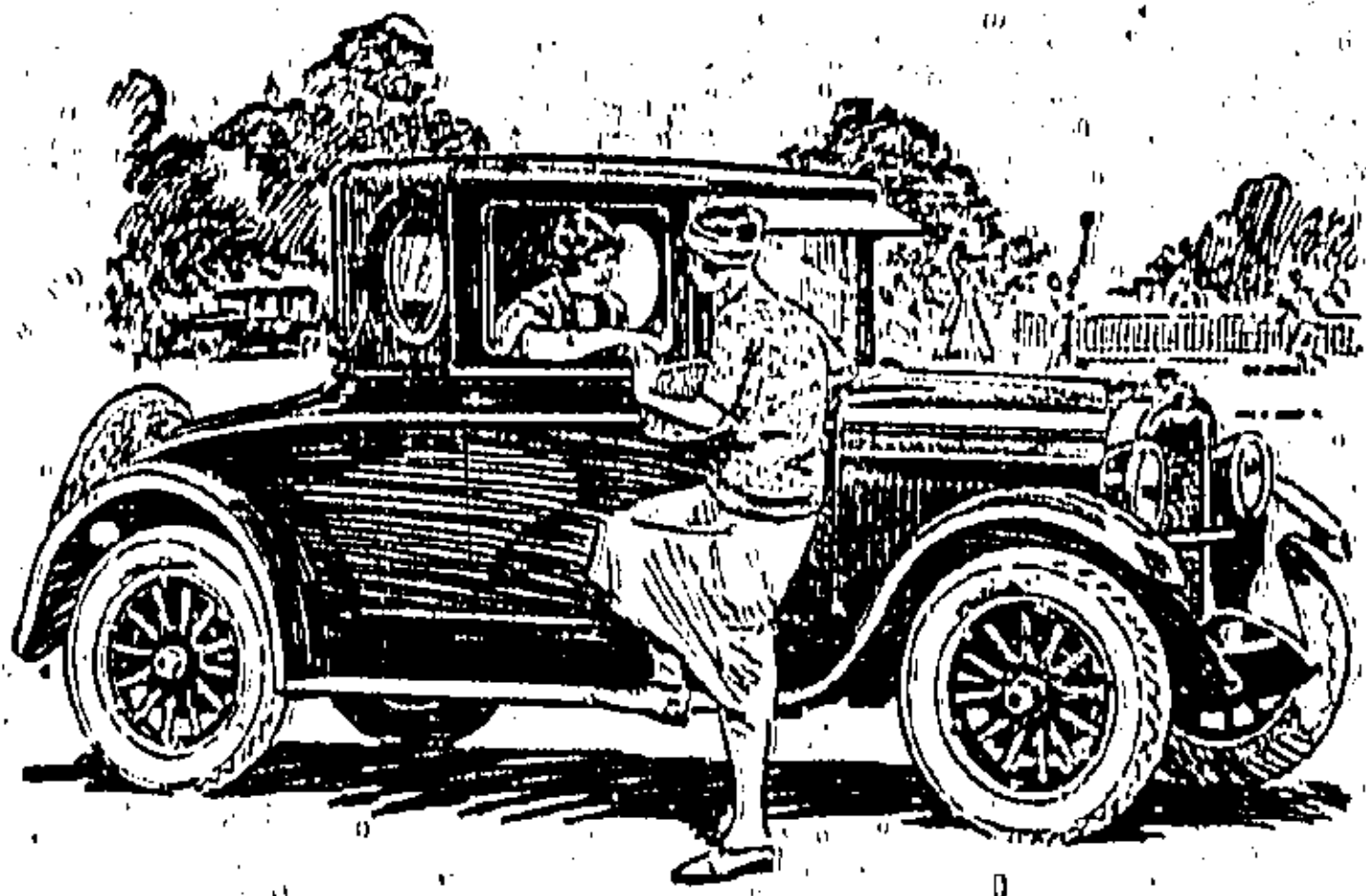
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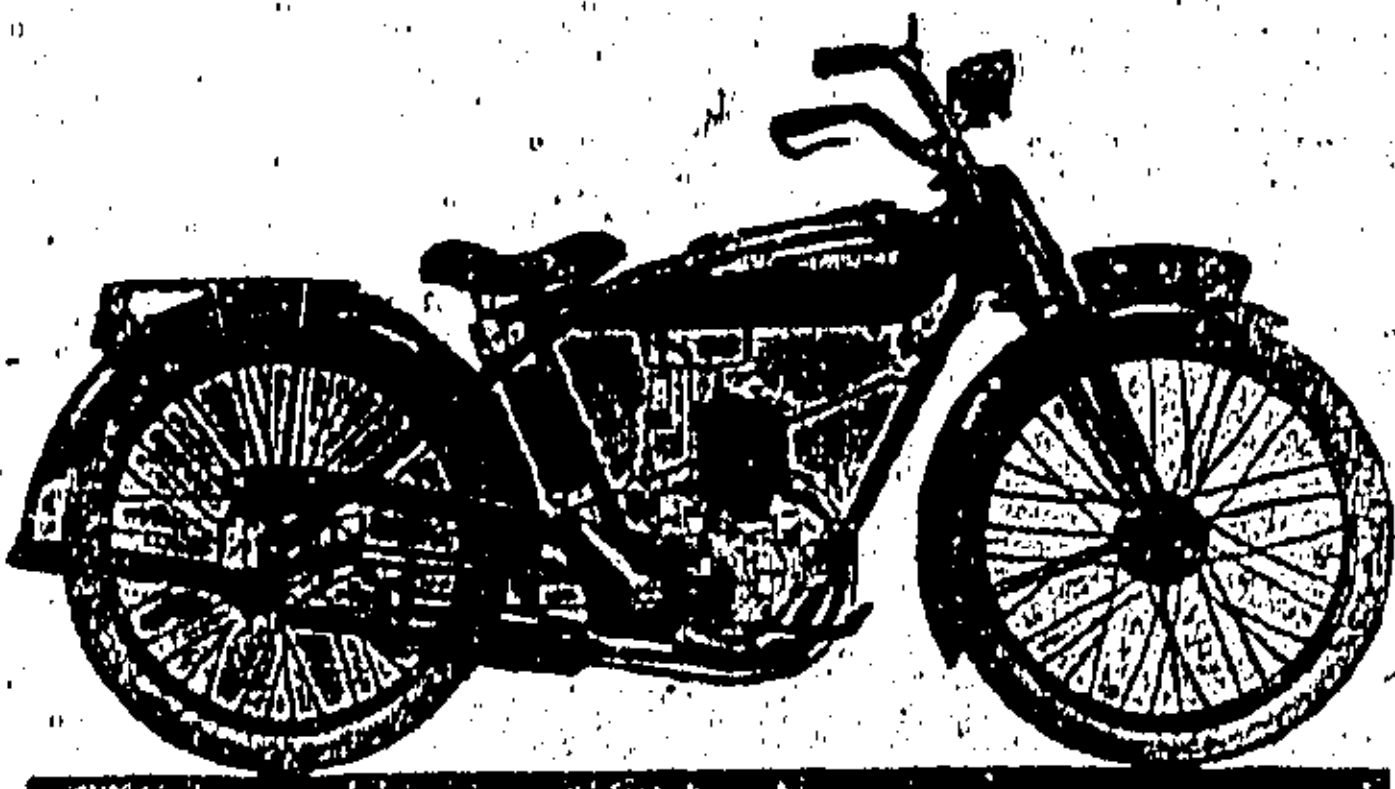
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Montreal's new City Hall, replacing the one destroyed by fire two years ago, was officially opened last month. It cost \$300,000.

In protesting against controls when the "road was" clear, a London motorist, fined 40s. at Croydon for driving a motor-car at more than 10 miles an hour in London-road, Mitcham, suggested that the Automobile Association should get 10,000 cars and run them about London for three weeks at 10 miles an hour.

Members of the Lancashire County Cricket Club explained that the action of that body in deciding not to reserve seats at Old Trafford during the Test Match with Australia in July was dictated by the conditions of the ground. Old Trafford lacked the stand accommodation that was available on some other grounds, and it was estimated that on the two stands which might have been reserved not more than fifteen hundred spectators could have been accommodated. The Committee felt it was not fair for persons who had reserved seats to run the risk of finding their view obscured by crowds who, judging from previous experience, would gather in front of these stands. Members' privileges will in no way be interfered with.

Tennessee is not the only place where proponents of the theory that man has evolved from the monkey are anathemized. Serbia is now slated for its "Scopes Trial." Bainsky Petronovich, teacher, seer, and famous throughout the Balkans for his advanced opinions, is to be tried before the local judge of a little village named Vranja for declaring it to be a scientific fact that man descended from a lower form of life. The trial is at the instigation of the clergy and laity of Vranja. Petronovich is to appeal to the Minister of Public Instruction of Serbia if the verdict goes against him in the lower court. It is a pity if he said it was a scientific "fact."

Now it is the turn for the fathers of Italy to revolt, and they are doing so in good earnest. Their rebellion is no longer against bobbed and shingled hair, which met with no success, but against those public dancing places which have cropped up all over Italy.

There is considerable local interest in the following from a recent London paper, says the Kobe "Herald".—A settlement has been arrived at in the litigation which threatened between Messrs. Lever Brothers and Messrs. Brunner, Mond and Co. Counsel were briefed, but at the last moment a compromise was effected. A million pounds is stated to have been the price of peace.

An agreement concluded between the Manor Company, a widely-known European house, and the German firm of Siemens-Schuckert is expected to result in the creation of a new city in Palestine, to be the textile centre of the country. According to the agreement, factories and dwelling quarters for a large number of workers are to be built near Haifa, which it is planned to make the leading port of Palestine.

The practice of double entry book-keeping is now so well established that it is difficult to realize that there could be a simpler and easier method of keeping accounts. Yet such a method is the claim of Mr. R. B. B. Matthews. In a recent lecture at the London School of Economics he explained the underlying principle of a system of auto-countancy or first-final entry book-keeping, of which he is the originator and which, he said, had been thoroughly tested over a number of years. In the new system the usual array of day books, journals, cash-books, and the like is done away with, all that the auto-countancy book-keeper needs being two specially-headed ledgers and a quantity of ordinary blank invoices in triplicate.

The National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, of New York, announces a prize of \$1,000, to be paid outright, in addition to royalties for a novel of negro life, to be written by a person of negro descent.

The Swedish Government has ratified the protocol prohibiting the use of gas and bacteria in war, it was attached as a rider to the Traffic and Arms convention last June by the American delegation, headed by Representative Porter. The protocol is virtually the same as that negotiated at the Washington Naval Armaments conference.

The demand for tonnage to replace the destruction of merchant ships during the World War gave impetus to modern ship-building in China. Hongkong, Shanghai, Canton, Dairen, in fact, all the principal ports, are developing an important ship-building industry. In 1924 there were 53 major companies, mostly foreign controlled, engaged in the business, with Shanghai as the leading centre. These firms recently have been turning out large ocean-going vessels, not only for use at home but also in foreign countries.

The invaluable yearly stock-taking in the "Publishers' Circular" shows that, in the year 1925, 13,202 books were published in England. This shows an increase of 496 over the total for 1924. The increases were chiefly in the classes of Juvenile Literature, Law, Military and Naval, and Science generally. There were decreases, compared with 1924, in Fiction, Fine Arts, and other general works. The decrease in the number of novels published is probably the most interesting feature of the year, but with a total of 2,769 Fiction cannot be said to have done badly. Otherwise, it is very satisfactory to say that, in spite of economic depression, more books were published in 1925 than in any previous year of British book production.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A cable from home announces the death of Mrs. Reid, wife of Mr. Alexander Reid, formerly of McAlister and Company, Singapore.

"Broilies" are the newest vogue among Oxford undergraduates, and are ousting "bags" from popularity. To be seen in the street without an umbrella is almost to appear undressed, so universal has the fad become.

A verdict of death from progressive exhaustion dating from an accident 40 years ago was returned at a Walsall inquest on James Thornhill, aged 52. When 13 years old Thornhill was injured in the chest by a piece of iron blown from the fire by the explosion of a fire-work. He never fully recovered, and gradually became weaker.

During his stay in Sandakan Mr. Somerset Maugham, while motoring along the Batu Lapan Road with the Resident and Capt. Rice-Oxley, was afforded an encounter with a hamadryad. This snake was just making off into the jungle, having crossed the road, when it was tackled by Capt. Rice Oxley who killed it with nothing more than a malacca cane. The brute measured 13 feet in length.

Mr. Hugh F. C. Colman, of the Works Department, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and Miss Doris Mary Hirst, of Water Orton Birmingham, were married on Monday last in Holy Trinity Cathedral. The bride was given away by Mr. J. A. Offer and Mr. E. H. Adams acted as best man. A wedding tiffin was given at 10 Seymour Road, which was especially decorated for the occasion and following that Mr. and Mrs. Colman left for Hangchow on their honeymoon trip.

Mr. A. White Macdonald, head of the provision firm that became known to millions of Service men during the war through the famous Macdonald ration, died after an operation in a London nursing home at the age of 71. The business began in a small way, the Macdonald brothers originally being fish dealers at Lowestoft, and fish was the first thing they preserved. Now their canned goods in hundreds of varieties are familiar all over the world. For many years the firm have been Army contractors, and during the South African War, when the commissariat department was not so efficient as it is to-day, many of the troops were fed on canned rations.

It is learned in Paris that there is no ground for giving the slightest credence to the London report published there that Lord Reading may succeed Lord Crewe as Ambassador at Paris and that the latter is retiring owing to reasons of health. Lord Crewe's health is excellent.

Mr. V. S. Maxwell, elder son of Sir George and Lady Maxwell, has been given his half-blue for gold at Oxford and will therefore be playing against Cambridge on March 23 and 24. Playing at Southfield on February 17, he won the gold medal (scratch) given annually by the President of the Oxford University Golfing Society.

Senor Fulgencio Borromeo, who has been connected with the Bank of the Philippine Islands for 13 years, has been elected President and General Manager of the bank to succeed Mr. Nolting, who is now in the United States. Mr. Borromeo is the first Filipino to be elected chief executive of the institution.

Charles Chaplin is coming to England again and it is safe to prophesy that, despite a "crush of engagements," he will find time to visit Marie Tempest, for she has long been a particular idol of the great film-star. When Marie Tempest was over in America Chaplin entertained her to dinner and confessed that she was the one person he had always declared he would entertain when he had made good. Chaplin told her that in his early days, when he used to make and sell paper boats, at the foot of Ludgate-hill, he used to save his pence and go in the gallery wherever Marie Tempest was singing.

Sir Frederick Lugard, who has just celebrated his 68th birthday, first saw service as a soldier under Lord Roberts in the Afghan War, and served in Burma and the Sudan before entering the Colonial Service. He was a Colonial Administrator and Governor successively of Uganda, Hongkong, and Nigeria. In 1902 he married Miss Flora Shaw, whose journalistic connection with the Colonies was the subject of much interest and discussion at the time of the Jameson Raid. These days Lady Lugard lives at a charming house in Surrey, where she makes a hobby of a market-garden business.

The late Woodrow Wilson held more university degrees than any other individual of modern times, according to V. Loring Collins, Secretary of Princeton University. Eighteen American and nine European universities had conferred degrees upon him.

Sir Montague Barlow has returned to London after a prolonged tour in Ceylon, Malaya, India, and Egypt. While in Malaya he was able to carry through successfully the negotiations between the Sultan of Perak, the Federated Malay States Government, and Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co. for the erection of an important hydro-electric installation on the Perak River.

"The foolish and mischievous cock-tail habit has spread, especially among girls and women," said the Bishop of Peterborough at Northampton. Recently in an hotel lounge he saw a young fellow and two young girls drink two cock-tails each before they went into dinner. There was much excessive drinking among people who possessed too much money and too much leisure.

In 1924 a girl of 17 was knocked down by a taxi-cab in Brussels, and suffered injuries to the face, neck, chest, and left arm. Some of the facial blemishes remain, and the girl has just been awarded by the Court 20,000 francs damages. "On the ground that her beauty has suffered to the extent of 20 per cent." Thus a beautiful face in Brussels is valued at 100,000 francs.

A swimming race between a bishop and a famous surgeon, is promised when a new swimming bath is opened at Leeds High School for Girls in September. The bishop is the Rev. Bernard O. F. Heywood, formerly Vicar of Leeds and now Bishop of Southwell, and the surgeon Sir Berkeley Moynihan. Sir Berkeley is famous for his cancer work. His recreations are golf and swimming, and though he is 66 he pursues both vigorously. He is the son of a V.C. Bishop Heywood is nearly 55. The race is the sequel to statements made some months ago at a bazaar in aid of a fund for the construction of the baths. Sir Berkeley then said he had received a challenge from the vicar—as he then was. Both of the competitors have now expressed their intention of keeping the engagement.

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# "CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

## SHIELD TIES.

KOWLOON & RECREIO GET THROUGH.

### LOCAL SOCCER "CUP."

Saturday, March 27, has been fixed as the date for the semi-finals in the Hongkong F. A. Shield (senior), the competition in which competitors are eliminated after one defeat.

On Saturday the Kowloon F.C. accounted for their rivals, the Hongkong F.C. and will meet the Police in the next round. Club de Recreio, extinguished the hopes of the Royal Artillery and qualify to play the 1st East Surrey Regiment for the right of entering the final.

A number of league matches were also decided, the feature being the first defeat of the victorious South China "C." Their conquerors were St. Joseph's College who defeated them previously—but the match was ordered to be replayed as the College played an "unregistered" man.

### SCRAPPY FOOTBALL.

Scrappy football was seen in the tie on the Club ground, when the "locals" went down to the peninsula men by the odd goal in three, each side getting a penalty. The teams were:—

Club:—G. Rodgers; Gerrard, Bishop; Summers; Howard, Watson; Pitt, Forsyth, Brodie, McBride, Morrison.

Kowloon:—Avery; Wheeler, Reid; Turner, Sims; McKelvie; Taylor, Cavell, Linaker, A. Duncan, Hayes.

Referee: Mr. Baldwin. After 25 minutes, Bishop handled in the fatal area and Sims made no mistake with the spot kick, thereby giving Kowloon the lead.

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### FIVE IN LAST HALF.

Five goals were registered after the breather—after a blank first-half—in the match at Sookumpoo, in which Club de Recreio triumphed over the Royal Artillery. The sides were:—

R.A.:—Stanton; Whittington; Moakes; Rachell, Reid, Vicars; Grew, Hollands, Pulford, Wilson, Lutbeck.

Recreio:—Fernandez; Ogley, Xavier; H.C., A.A., A. H. Remedios; Fuentes, Silva, Gosano, Rocha, Brown.

Referee: Mr. Atkinson. In the latter part of the first half, Fernandez saved when Pulford took a penalty kick for an infringement by Ogley.

Rocha, Silva and Fuentes were the marksmen for the winners, giving them a lead of three goals. Then Fernandez was pulled up for "carrying," Rachell, who took the kick, banged hard at the defenders who were packed in goal, and the ball ricocheted over the line.

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South China "A" met their Waterloo in division "A" of the second league. Lau, Kau gave them the lead after the interval, after Hoi had stopped a penalty. A free kick led to Maher equalising. Then Kent gave his side the winning goal by scoring direct from a corner kick. The Chinese "stars" dallied too long with the leather.

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## BOWLS "DERBY."

"RIVALS" IN FRIENDLY CONTEST.

### K.B.G.C. DEFEAT DOCK.

On their own ground, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club defeated Kowloon Dock Recreation Club at lawn bowls on Saturday.

Each side had six rinks. Rink winners were presented with silver Cairngorm spoons. The rink with the highest points were awarded silver thistle cups.

Mr. David Keith (who is going home on leave shortly) provided the souvenirs, besides tea and refreshments, and was heartily thanked by the President, Mr. P. Farrell, on behalf of the members of the K.B.G.C. Mrs. McIntosh presented the trophies and she was at the tea tables with Mrs. Cooper. Both ladies received silver souvenirs.

Rink scores follow:—

K.B.G.C. K.B.G.C.  
Cooper Dobbie  
Ramsay Beach  
Hamilton Holland  
Lapsley Guy

(Skip) 21 (Skip) 24  
(After a deciding head)

Steel McNeill  
Neilson Davidson  
Hedley Macfarlane, W.  
Gourlay Edwards

(Skip) 13 (Skip) 32  
Goodman, R. Hazel  
MacKinnon Wylie  
Henderson Green  
Pritchard, J. Whibley

(Skip) 14 (Skip) 36  
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## GOOD GAMES.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET MATCHES.

### ROYAL NAVY WIN AGAIN.

Although no championship was at stake, some interesting cricket was played on Saturday, a number of good games being seen on different pitches.

The Royal Navy (senior league winners) repeated their victory over the Hongkong C.C.

### LEAGUE II.

#### UNIVERSITY 2nd v. POLICE.

The University 2nd XI and the Police Recreation Club closed their league programme with a meeting at Pokfulam. The result was a draw with honours even.

Batting first, the Police placed 151 on the time 'C. F. Alexander was responsible for 49, which included nine fours, and Lacey in his contribution of 30 hit six fours.

The University had lost eight wickets for 130 runs when time intervened. By a coincidence E. Zimmerman tied with Alexander both in the score and number of boundaries. Tajima contributed 23.

Another coincidence was the bowling analyses of Robertson and Sudan (3 for 32).

### POLICE.

C. F. Alexander, c Sullivan, b Chan Wah, 49  
W. E. Meadows, c Sullivan, b Zimmerman, 20  
Capt. Bloxham, b Hipptool, 4  
R. G. Robertson, lb.w., b Zimmerman, 11  
T. H. King, b Zimmerman, 0  
W. L. Sparrow, c Sullivan, b Chan Wah, 11  
B. Lacey, not out, 30  
A. Reynolds, b Sudan, 9  
E. C. Baker, c Leong, b Sudan, 3  
P. Condon, c Zimmerman, b Sudan, 3  
Armistead, c Sullivan, b Zimmerman, 2  
Extras, 12

Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 190  
C. T. Evans and F. C. Pavitt did not bat.

### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.  
Sudan 10 3 32 3  
Chan Wah 10 3 45 2  
Zimmerman 7 0 43 4  
Hipptool 5 0 19 1

### UNIVERSITY 2nd XI.

E. Zimmerman, b Alexander, 49  
E. J. Hazeland, b Lacey, 40  
H. Y. Leong, b Lacey, 0  
Y. C. Teh, b Robertson, 5  
B. N. Sudan, lb.w., b Robertson, 10  
A. Baker, b Lacey, 3  
R. Chan Wah, b Robertson, 6  
I. Tajima, b King, 21  
C. H. Yeoh, not out, 1  
F. Hipptool, not out, 1  
Extras, 28

Total (for 8 wks.) 130  
A. B. Sullivan did not bat.

### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.  
Robertson 11 2 22 3  
Lacey 13 1 44 3  
Alexander 5 1 16 1  
King 4 1 10 1

## FRIENDLY GAMES.

### "OUTCASTS" v. NAVY.

On the Hongkong C.C. ground the Royal Navy defeated the Club "Outcasts" by 54 runs. The homesters were handicapped by the absence of one of their players.

The Navy started none too well, losing three wickets for 15 runs. Lt. Com. Armitage (77) in partnership with Lt. Robertson (37) played sparkling cricket when between them they scored 102 runs before they were separated. The innings terminated at 179.

In the Club innings, T. E. Pearce left at 18 and A. W. Hayward followed at 48. Another 20 runs and E. J. R. Mitchell was beaten. H. Owen Hughes remained until the last and carried his bat for 41.

The best among the bowlers was Lt. Halsey (6 for 56).

### ROYAL NAVY.

Pay Com. Hussey, lb.w., b Bowker, 122 8 18 6  
Lt. Clifford, c Pearce, b Bowker, 6 0 23 1  
Lt. Robertson, c Owen Hughes, b Parker, 6 1 18 3  
Mid. Stephenson, c Bowker, b Reed, 11  
Reed, 1  
Lt. Com. Armitage, c Mitchell, 77  
B. W. Bradbury, b Goodyer, 21  
J. Gimes, b Goodyer, 1  
A. B. Hanson, lb.w., b Jacob, 0  
S. Abbas, b Goodyer, 0  
F. Schnepel, c Blonidin, b Jacob, 0  
E. Mowling, not out, 9  
A. Kitchell, b Goodyer, 0  
R. F. Luz, b Jacob, 0  
G. White, run out, 0  
Extras, 10

Total 179

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.  
Reed 13 1 49 3  
Bowker 12 0 57 2  
Parker 7 5 88 3  
Owen Hughes 7 0 88 2

H.K.C.C. "Outcasts."  
A. W. Hayward, c Stephenson, b Cantrell, 21  
T. E. Pearce, b Halsey, 20  
E. J. R. Mitchell, b Halsey, 20  
H. Owen Hughes, not out, 43  
H. V. Parker, c Stephenson, b Cantrell, 18  
J. D. Humphreys, c Mercer, b Halsey, 18  
H. C. Burgess, b Halsey, 2  
G. P. Lammer, c Nicholson, b Halsey, 4  
A. C. I. Bowker, c Mercer, b Cantrell, 8  
E. E. Reed, b Halsey, 0  
Extras, 2

Total (for 9 wks.) 125  
F. N. Young Abrent.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.  
O. M. R. W.  
Cantrell 15 1 68 3  
Halsey 16 1 2 56 6  
Mercer 1 0 1 0

KOWLOON v. R.A.  
Honours were also even in the match on the peninsula, between the Kowloon C.C. and Royal Artillery.

The gunners battled stoutly after the home team had declared. Kowloon C.C.

A. W. Ramsay, b Smith, 39  
J. C. Lyle, lb.w., b Smith, 19  
G. Lee, st. Bensley, b Rule, 2  
Capt. E. W. Morris, c Sloane-Stanley, b Rule, 31  
Capt. R. A. Warters, b Rule, 2  
F. Goodwin, c Chester, b Sloane-Stanley, 12  
Capt. F. G. Bevis, b Rule, 20  
K. R. Macaskill, not out, 32  
B. Petheram, not out, 1  
Extras, 32

Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 190  
C. T. Evans and F. C. Pavitt did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.  
O. M. R. W.  
Gifford 10 1 36 0  
Rough 10 2 21 0  
Smith 7 0 35 2  
Sloane-Stanley 3 0 21 1

ROYAL ARTILLERY.  
Capt. Bensley, lb.w., b Morris, 21  
B. S. M. Page, b Goodwin, 17  
Lt. Chester, c Bevis, b Lyle, 33  
Major Hattersley Smith, not out, 42  
Capt. Parkes, c Lee, b Goodwin, 28  
Extras, 21

Total (for 4 wks.) 162  
Lieut. Smith, M/Gnr Rough, Edw. Rule, E. Q. M. S. Moore and Sgt. Gifford did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.  
O. M. R. W.  
Goodwin 17 3 42 2  
Lyle 17 2 62 1  
Morris 6 1 13 1  
Petheram 3 0 19 0

C.C.C. v. R.E.  
The Craigengower C.C. were defeated at home by the Royal Engineers by seven runs.

Batting first, the visitors could only score 68 runs. Sgt. Blonidin was top scorer with 21.

S. Abbas (6 for 18) bowled well, assisted at the other end by B. W. Bradbury (3 for 13).

Harrison had a fine catch. The fielding was poor with three substitutes doing service for absent players.

Craigengower were fairly well placed with 43 for four wickets. A procession started, the remaining wickets falling for 18 runs.

Spr. Goodyer (5 for 30) and Q. M. S. Jacob (4 for 21) shared the wickets. The latter took a difficult catch at point which dismissed E. Fincher (21).

Royal Engineers.  
Sgt. Blonidin, c Hanson, b Bradbury, 21  
L/Cpl. Hollands, c Abbas, 12  
Spr. Goodyer, lb.w., b Abbas, 1  
Capt. McIntosh, b Abbas, 1  
Capt. Bridgland, b Bradbury, 1  
S. S. Higgs, b Abbas, 0  
Q. M. S. Faro, c Hanson, b Bradbury, 1  
S. S. Kelly, c sub, b Abbas, 1  
Sgt. Jones, not out, 2  
Sgt. Durand, b Fincher, 2  
Q. M. S. Jacob, b Abbas, 2  
Extras, 14

Total 68

BOWLING ANALYSIS.  
O. M. R. W.  
Abbas 12 2 8 6  
Fincher 6 0 23 1  
Bradbury 6 1 18 3

Craigengower.  
R. C. Reed, b Jacob, 11  
E. Fincher, c Jacob, 21  
Goodyer, 1  
B. W. Bradbury, b Goodyer, 1  
J. Gimes, b Goodyer, 1  
A. B. Hanson, lb.w., b Jacob, 0  
S. Abbas, b Goodyer, 0  
F. Schnepel, c Blonidin, b Jacob, 0  
E. Mowling, not out, 9  
A. Kitchell, b Goodyer, 0  
R. F. Luz, b Jacob, 0  
G. White, run out, 0  
Extras, 10

Total 61

## POINT TO POINT.

FIRST RACE A BIG SUCCESS.

### GOOD VIEW FROM HILL.

The large number who went out yesterday to see the first point-to-point race, had a good view from a hill. All voted the event a big success.

Two divisions were run off in one race. After meeting at Mrs. Bernard's bungalow, the course was explained to riders. The start was from the back of Mr. Potts's bungalow.

Heavyweight.  
Mr. R. H. Charles' Tam (Dr. Macgown) 1  
Mr. R. H. Charles' New York (owner) 2  
Mr. J. K. Bousfield's King Emperor (owner) 3

Also ran—Two Pairs (Mr. Potts), Iron Grey (Capt. Sturgess), Alcantara (Mr. Watson), Teddy (Mr. Stephenson), Strathgawn (Mr. Beck), Time, 26 minutes.

[Mr. Potts was first home, but was disqualified for not completing the course.]

Lightweight.  
Mr. Paterson's Cheriton Vale (Mr. Pollock) 1  
Mr. Alan Forsyth's Chessman (Lt. Turner) 2  
Mr. Simpson's Smart Guy (owner) 3

Also ran—Midget (Mr. Russell), Wura (Mr. Stanton), Why Not? (Mr. Milne), Fehling (Mr. Simmons), Georgie (Mr. Jardine), May Leaf (Mr. Sewell), Time, 31 minutes.

HOME CROSS-COUNTRY.  
(Reuter's Service.)

Wolverton, March 13. The National cross-country championship was won by the Birchfield Harrier, J. Webster, in 55 minutes 40 seconds, the course being ten miles.

Birchfield won the team championship.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY.  
(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 13. At Abergavenny, England beat Wales at hockey by four goals to nil.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.  
O. M. R. W.  
Goodyer 13 3 30 5  
Jacob 13 7 21 4

C.S.C.C. "A" v. H.K.C.C. 2nd.  
Playing on the Civil Service ground, the home "A" team lost to the Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI by 47 runs.

The visitors had first knock and lost six wickets for 43. M. M. Watson went with the total at 64 and R. W. Lee made no improvement.

W. W. Mackenzie (40), in partnership with H. Griffin (21), brought the score to 102, when the latter was beaten. Mackenzie was last man out with the total at 121.

Civil Service had 56 for five wickets. The other 5 wickets for an additional 18 runs. G. R. Vallack was very successful with the ball, taking five wickets for 21, two of which were from successive deliveries in a maiden over and another from the last ball of his next unfinished over.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.  
A. K. Mackenzie, b Sara, 14  
C. L. R. Becker, b Sara, 9  
G. R. Vallack, b Sara, 9  
D. E. G. Nicholson, c Hawkins, b Edmonds, 2  
J. A. H. Plummer, c Nihill, b Sara, 0  
M. M. Watson, c Harper, b Sara, 11  
R. K. Hepburn, c Carr, b Sara, 8  
W. W. Mackenzie, b Bowker, 40  
R. W. Lee, c Carr, b Sara, 21  
H. Griffin, c Bowker, b Spillett, 4  
D. A. Rushton, not out, 4  
Extras, 9

Total 121

BOWLING ANALYSIS.  
O. M. R. W.  
Sara 12 1 58 7  
Edmonds 10 0 21 1  
Spillett 3 0 14 1  
Bowker 12 0 19 1

Civil Service "A".  
F. Harper, b Vallack, 21  
S. B. Spillett, c Becker, b Vallack, 22  
J. E. Bowker, c Vallack, b Lee, 4  
F. H. Nihill, lb.w., b Vallack, 4  
B. C. K. Hawkins, b Lee, 0  
R. S. W. Paterson, lb.w., b Griffin, 5  
W. H. Edmonds, c W. W. Mackenzie, b Plummer, 4  
H. Westlake, b Vallack, 0  
F. Haynes, c Plummer, b Vallack, 1  
T. W. Carr, b Griffin, 0  
C. Sara, not out, 0  
Extras, 9

Total 74

BOWLING ANALYSIS.  
O. M. R. W.  
Lee 7 2 28 2  
Vallack 8 2 21 5  
Griffin 6 3 12 2  
Plummer 4 0 9 1

## LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MARCH 15, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Names. Hongkong Stock Exchange. Hongkong Sharebrokers Association. Share & Real Estate.

T.T. on London 2/3 1/4 2/3 1/4 2 3/4 nom.  
T.T. on Shanghai 76 1/2 76 1/2 76 1/2

Hongkong Bank 104 1/2 b. 104 1/2 b. 104 1/2 b.  
Chartered Bank London 21 1/2 n. 21 1/2 n. 21 1/2 n.  
Mercantile Bank, A. & E. 23 1/2 b. 23 1/2 b. 23 1/2 b.  
P. & O. Bank 23 1/2 b. 23 1/2 b. 23 1/2 b.  
Bank of East Asia 27 1/2 b. 27 1/2 b. 27 1/2 b.

Marine Insurance. Canton Insurance 620 b. 600 b. \$600 b.  
China Underwriters 2 n. 2 30 n. 1 95 b.  
North China Insurance. Union Insurance 28 1/2 b. 28 1/2 b. 28 1/2 b.  
Yangtze Insurance 44 1/2 b. 44 b. 44 1/2 b.

Fire Insurance. China Fire Insurance 165 b. 165 b. 165 b.  
S.K. Fire Insurance 560 b. 540 b. 550 b.

Shipping. Douglas 30 n. 26 b. 26 b. & sa.  
Hongkong Steamboats 24 1/2 b. 24 b. 24 1/2 b. & sa.  
H.K. Tugs & Lighters 38 n. 4 n. 4 n.  
Indo-China (Pref.) 40 n. 45 n. 45 n.

do. (Def.) Ltd. 40 n. 45 n. 45 n.  
do. 40 n. 45 n. 45 n.  
Oriental Navigation 250 n. 250 n. 250 n.  
Shell Transports 60 1/2 b. 60 1/2 b. 60 1/2 b.  
Star Ferries 65 n. 64 1/2 b. 64 1/2 b.  
Water-boats 15 b. 15 n. 15 1/2 b.

Refineries. China Sugars 28 b. 27 b. 27 1/2 b. 28 sa.  
Malacca Sugars 39 n. 35 n. 35 n.

Mining. Benguet 1 1/2 n. 1 1/2 n. 1 1/2 n.  
Kallan Mining Ad. 42 1/2 b. 42 1/2 n. 42 1/2 n.  
Langkats (Combined) 23 b. 23 b. 23 b.  
do. (Single) 11 b. 11 b. 11 b.  
Shanghai Exploration 5 n. 5 n. 5 n.  
Shanghai Loan 7 n. 7 n. 7 n.  
Baobas 5 1/2 b. 5 1/2 b. 5 1/2 b.  
Tronoh Mines 55 1/2 b. 55 1/2 b. 55 1/2 b.  
Ural Caspian 8 n. 8 n. 8 n.

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Prince Bibesco, the Rumanian minister to the United States, has been recalled. Philip S. Teller, San Francisco, will probably be appointed to the U.S. Shipping Board. Mrs. Evelyn Frances Snow is a candidate for the Governorship of Ohio. Joseph D. Eastman has been appointed chairman of the U.S. Inter-state Commerce Commission.



Miss Isabelle Pope, fiancée of William McClintock for whose death William Darling Shepherd was tried and acquitted, is opposing Shepherd's effort to have the youth's will probated in Chicago. If the will is not upheld, relatives of McClintock will inherit the fortune, and it is said, will share the estate with Miss Pope.



MRS. FRED PARKER & SON FARNAM

Mrs. Fred Parker and her son Farnam (thirteen) of Anderson, (Ind.), both hold licences as aeroplane pilots, Farnam being the youngest licensed pilot in the world.



A portrait of Miss Megan Lloyd George after an operation for appendicitis.



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Former Governor W. J. McCray of Indiana, may be pardoned from Atlanta Penitentiary because of ill-health. M. Unden is a Swedish delegate to the League of Nations. Patte Horn, a Drake University Bible student, earns her way through school by preaching every Sunday. Senator James Couzens, chairman of the Committee investigating the U.S. Internal Revenue Department, says that \$20,000,000 was lost in "bargaining" over taxes.



ROBERT SCOTT

Robert Scott was sought for months after his brother Russell, had accused him of killing a Chicago clerk for whose murder Russell was convicted. Robert was found in San Quentin penitentiary, serving "time" for robbery. He will probably be returned to Chicago and tried for murder.



MME. GANNA WALSKA

Mme. Ganna Walska, the Polish singer, went to Paris, where she will make another attempt to become an opera star. Her husband, Harold McCormick, multi-millionaire head of the International Harvester Co., was to have sailed with Mme. Walska.

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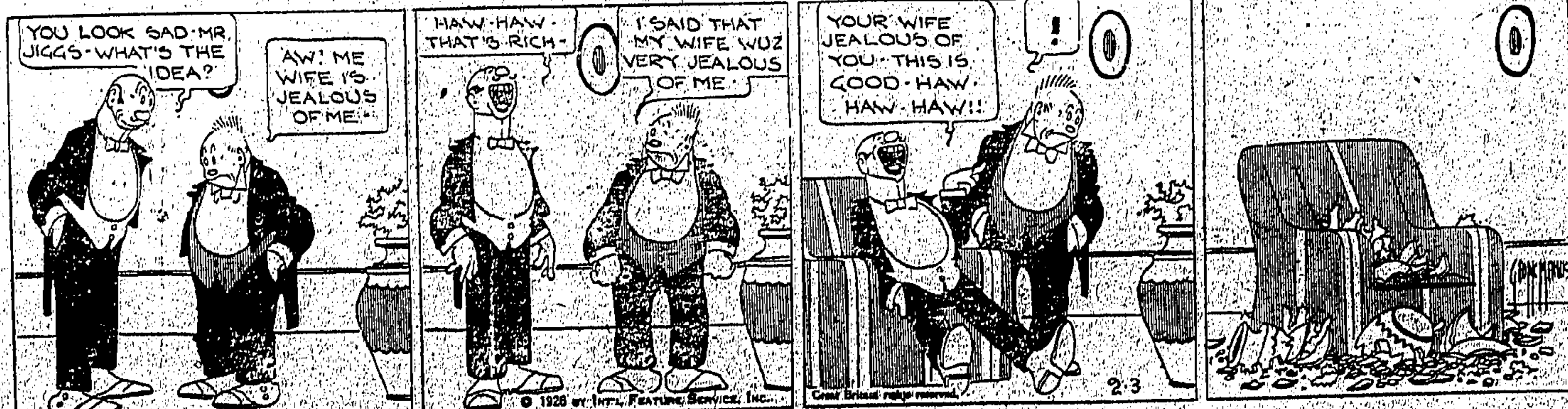
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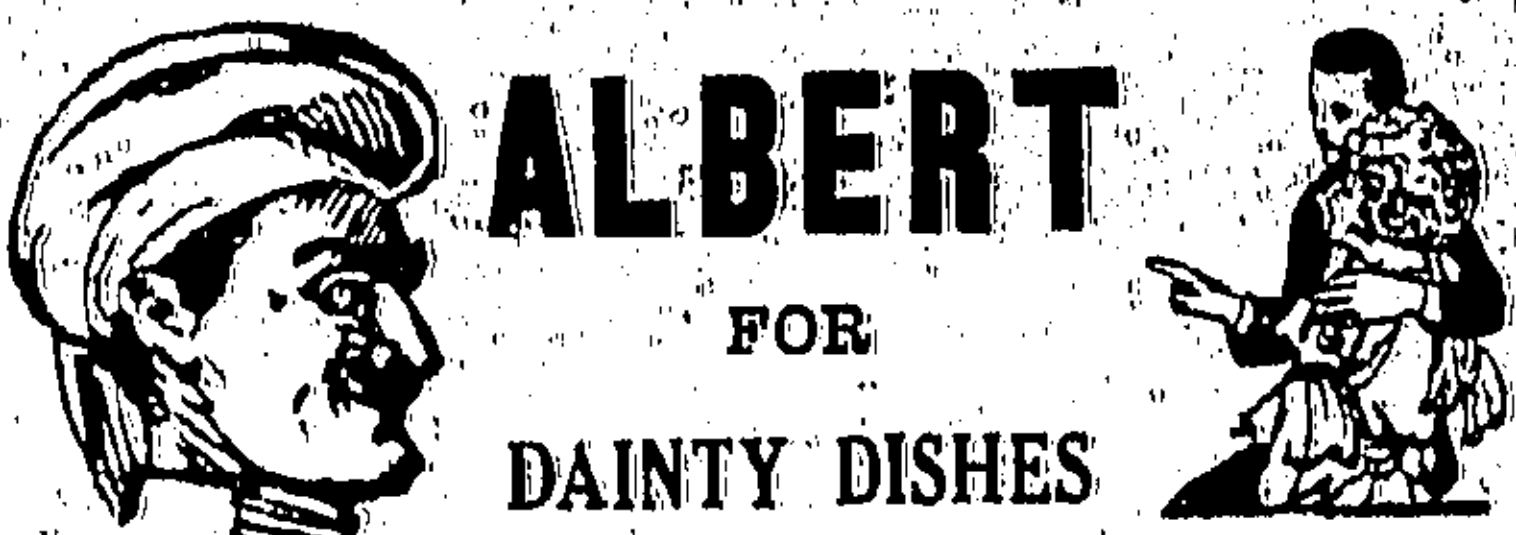
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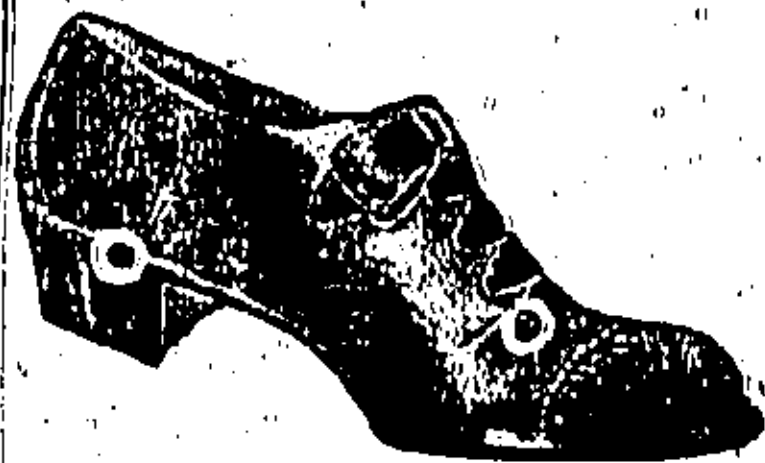
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## PRINCE AT DINNER.

TRIES HIS HAND WITH VIOLIN.

SATURDAY'S FUNCTION.

As a sequel to the Investiture at Government House on Saturday morning, Sir Shou-son Chow and Lady Chow were the host and hostess to some 75 distinguished guests at the Chinese Merchants' Club in the evening when H.R.H. Prince George, H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi were among those present.

The Club rooms were charmingly decorated for the occasion and the function was an informal and a most enjoyable one.

In the course of the evening, H.R.H. Prince George borrowed a Chinese violin from one of the excellent Chinese entertainers whose services had been secured. After producing a few squeaky noises he had to give the attempt up, smilingly remarking that it was "too difficult for him."

The toast of His Majesty King George was proposed by Sir Shou-son Chow in the course of the evening.

The guests, as they were paired, were as follows:—

H.R.H. Prince George and Lady Chow.

Sir Shou-son Chow and Lady Clementi.

H.E. the Governor and Mrs. Luard.

Admiral Sinclair and Mrs. Duppy.

General Luard and Mrs. Creasy.

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Hon. Mr. J. R. Wood and Mrs. Liang Shih-yi.

Mr. Hornell and Mrs. Ferguson.

Hon. Mr. Wolfe and Mrs. Ho Fook.

Hon. Mr. Lang and Mrs. McElderry.

Hon. Mr. Bird and Mrs. Ho Kom-tong.

Hon. Mr. Kotewall and Mrs. Wong Tape.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mrs. S. W. Tso.

Also present were:—

Mr. Liang Shih-yi, Mr. A. E. Wood, Dr. A. B. Addison, Col.

## SCOUT RALLY.

MEET AT GENERAL'S HOUSE.

TROOP WORK.

By kind permission of H.E. Major-General, Lt.-Col. C.B. C.M.G., a Scout rally was held in the grounds of Headquarters House, on Saturday afternoon.

It had been intended to take advantage of the occasion to present the Prince of Wales' Banner to the winners of last year's competition, but owing to the inability of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) to attend, this presentation did not take place.

Ten troops took part in the rally and an instructive and interesting afternoon was spent.

Proceedings commenced with an inspection of the 200 Scouts and Wolf Cubs present, after which the competitions took place, consisting of demonstrations of the use of the Scout staff, observation of twelve articles and statement of changes made by the Judges, while the Scouts' backs were turned; signalling; mapping; and troop contest in first aid work.

During the afternoon tea, was kindly provided for the Scouts by Colonel and Mrs. Robertson, while the elders were entertained by Major-General and Mrs. Luard.

The proceedings concluded with a brief address by the Scout Commissioner, the Reverend G. T. Walsgrave, the presentation of warrants, cheers for Major-General and Mrs. Luard and the singing of the National Anthem.

Among those present, in addition to the Scout officers, were Major-General and Mrs. Luard, Colonel and Mrs. Luard, Dr. Sir Eric and Lady Stuart Taylor, Mrs. Milne, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Meville-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. Skelton, Miss Fleming, Capt. R. G. F. Johnston, and Mr. D. W. Morley.

As Saturday's events were only a preliminary in the competition for the Prince of Wales' Banner, no points are yet available for publication.

Russell Brown, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Captain Lake, Dr. Lew Yuk-lin, Col. Montague Bates, Col. E. Luard, Mr. McElderry, Mr. N. R. Shaw, Mr. A. G. Young, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Paymaster Commander Woodward, Mr. Duncan, Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Captain Dowbiggin, Lieut. Halsey, Captain Steele, Mr. Forster, Lieut. Dargersfield, Captain Johnson, Lieut. Churcher, Captain Swinton, Mr. Wong Tape, and Mr. Chow Chi-nam.

## DUD COINS.

SOLICITOR'S SUCCESSFUL DEFENCE.

HAWKER DISCHARGED.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy on Saturday with possession of counterfeit coins.

Evidence of the discovery of 42 ten-cent pieces and five five-cent pieces, all Singapore coins, in a box belonging to the defendant was given by Senior Revenue Officer G. Watt.

A money-changer who was called to give evidence said that he had handled Singapore coins for 37 years. He thought the coins in court were good imitations and likely to deceive any ordinary person.

Mr. A. J. O'Donoghue for the defence, quoting the section under which a defendant was charged, submitted that the prosecution had not shown any offence under the section beyond the fact of possession, which was admitted. He held that in order to succeed in this case the prosecution must not only prove possession but must also prove that the defendant made an attempt to utter the coins. So far from proving any intent, none had been alleged.

Continuing, counsel said that the defendant was a hawk on the Singapore boats and in the course of his dealings for a number of years, he naturally came into possession of bad coins which he placed in a box.

His Worship said that he partly agreed with counsel's arguments, but held that in this particular case it did not throw the evidence on the other side.

Defendant was discharged.

## INEVITABLE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 13.  
 The Immigration Commissioner Mr. Henry F. Curran who came into prominence in connection with the Countess of Cathcart case has resigned.

[The Countess of Cathcart was barred from entering the United States on the ground that having been divorced, she had been guilty of moral turpitude. This ruling was upset by the Courts. However, and she was allowed to enter the country.]

## DIET UPDAR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, March 13.  
 After a long discussion on Thursday's Diet uprour all parties decided to regard the matter as closed and met in open session this afternoon. This resulted in a settlement and prorogation is now considered unlikely.

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